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EASTER DAY, APRIL 18th.

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Calendar for 1955

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EASTER DAY, APRIL 10th.

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EVERYTHING FOR THE WRITING TABLE
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Calendar for 1956

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EASTER DAY, APRIL 1st.

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DAYS AND DATES, 1955

Accession Day	Feb. 6
St. Valentine's Day	,, 14
Shrove Tuesday	,, 22
Ash Wednesday	,, 23
St. David's Day	March 1
St. Patrick's Day	,, 17
Good Friday	April 8
Easter Monday (Bank Holiday)	,, 11
H.M. The Queen's Birthday	,, 21
St. George's Day	,, 23
Royal Academy opens	,, 30
Ascension Day	May 19
Empire Day	,, 24
Whit Monday (Bank Holiday)	,, 30
Bank Holiday	August 1
H.M. Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother's Birthday	,, 4
Grouse Shooting Begins	,, 12
Royal Academy closes	,, 14
Partridge Shooting begins	September 1
Pheasant Shooting begins	October 1
Fox Hunting begins	November 1
Remembrance Day	,, 6
St. Andrew's Day	,, 30
Christmas Day	December 25
Boxing Day (Bank Holiday)	,, 26

QUARTER DAYS: March 25, June 24, Sept. 29, Dec. 25.

UNIVERSITY TERMS

OXFORD

	TERM		FULL TERM	
	Begins	Ends	Begins	Ends
Hilary ...	Jan. 10	Apr. 2	Jan. 16	Mar. 12
Trinity ...	Apr. 13	July 9	Apr. 24	June 18
	Encænia Wednesday, 22nd June			
Michaelmas	Oct. 1	Dec. 17	Oct. 9	Dec. 3

CAMBRIDGE

Lent ...	Jan. 5	Mar. 25	Jan. 11	Mar. 11
Easter ...	Apr. 14	June 22	Apr. 19	June 10
Michaelmas	Oct. 1	Dec. 19	Oct. 5	Dec. 3

DURHAM

Epiphany ...	January 18	March 19
Easter ...	April 26	June 25
Michaelmas ...	October 4	December 10

LAW SITTINGS

(Supreme Court of Judicature Act, 1875)

	Begins	Ends
Hilary ...	January 11	April 6
Easter ...	April 19	May 27
Trinity ...	June 7	July 30
Michaelmas ...	October 3	December 21

The Michaelmas Sittings may be altered by Order in Council.

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These rates are liable to alteration

LETTERS

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RACING FIXTURES, 1955

(Racing will commence on Monday, 21st March)

				No. of Days
April	13	(Wednesday)	Newmarket Craven	3
,,	19	(Tuesday)	Epsom Spring	3
,,	26	(Tuesday)	Newmarket First Spring	4
May	10	(Tuesday)	Newmarket Second Spring	3
,,	24	(Tuesday)	Epsom Summer	4
June	14	(Tuesday)	Royal Ascot	4
,,	28	(Tuesday)	Newmarket First July	4
July	12	(Tuesday)	Newmarket Second July	3
,,	26	(Tuesday)	Goodwood	4
September	6	(Tuesday)	Doncaster September	4
,,	27	(Tuesday)	Newmarket First October	4
October	11	(Tuesday)	Newmarket Second October	4
,,	25	(Tuesday)	Newmarket Houghton	4

The above dates are liable to alteration

Frank Smythson (ltd.), 54, New Bond Street, London, W.1

TABLE FOR WAGES, Etc.

Per Year	Per Month			Per Week			Per Day			Per Year	Per Month			Per Week			Per Day		
£	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1	0	1	8	0	0	4½	0	0	0¾	30	2	10	0	0	11	6	0	1	7¾
2	0	3	4	0	0	9¼	0	0	1¼	40	3	6	8	0	15	4½	0	2	2¼
3	0	5	0	0	1	1¾	0	0	2	50	4	3	4	0	19	2	0	2	10
4	0	6	8	0	1	6½	0	0	2¾	60	5	0	0	1	3	1	0	3	3¼
5	0	8	4	0	1	11	0	0	3¼	70	5	16	8	1	6	11	0	3	10
6	0	10	0	0	2	3¾	0	0	4	80	6	13	4	1	10	9	0	4	4½
7	0	11	8	0	2	8¼	0	0	4½	90	7	10	0	1	14	7	0	4	11½
8	0	13	4	0	3	1	0	0	5¼	100	8	6	8	1	18	5	0	5	5¾
9	0	15	0	0	3	5½	0	0	6	150	12	10	0	2	17	8¼	0	8	2¾
10	0	16	8	0	3	10	0	0	6½	200	16	13	4	3	16	11	0	10	11½
11	0	18	4	0	4	2¾	0	0	7¼	250	20	16	8	4	16	1¾	0	13	8¾
12	1	0	0	0	4	7¼	0	0	8	300	25	0	0	5	15	4½	0	16	5¼
13	1	1	8	0	4	11¾	0	0	8½	350	29	3	4	6	14	7¼	0	19	2¾
14	1	3	4	0	5	4½	0	0	9¼	400	33	6	8	7	13	10¼	1	1	11
15	1	5	0	0	5	9¾	0	0	9¾	500	41	13	4	9	12	3¾	1	7	4¾
16	1	6	8	0	6	1¾	0	0	10½	600	50	0	0	11	10	9¼	1	12	10½
17	1	8	4	0	6	6¼	0	0	11¼	700	58	6	8	13	9	2¾	1	18	4¼
18	1	10	0	0	6	10¾	0	0	11¾	800	66	13	4	15	7	8¼	2	3	10
19	1	11	8	0	7	3½	0	1	0½	900	75	0	0	17	6	1¾	2	9	3¾
20	1	13	4	0	7	8	0	1	1¼	1000	83	6	8	19	4	7¼	2	14	9½

LONDON SUNRISE AND SUNSET TIMES, 1955

(Greenwich Mean Time)

	Rise	Set		Rise	Set		Rise	Set
Jan. 1	8.6	4.1	Apr. 30	4.36	7.19	Sept. 3	5.14	6.44
Jan. 22	7.54	4.30	May 21	4.1	7.53	Sept. 24	5.47	5.56
Feb. 5	7.34	4.56	June 4	3.47	8.9	Oct. 8	6.10	5.25
Feb. 19	7.9	5.21	June 18	3.42	8.19	Oct. 22	6.34	4.54
Mar. 5	6.39	5.46	July 2	3.47	8.20	Nov. 5	6.58	4.28
Mar. 19	6.8	6.10	July 23	4.9	8.3	Nov. 19	7.23	4.7
Apr. 2	5.36	6.33	Aug. 6	4.30	7.41	Dec. 10	7.53	3.51
Apr. 16	5.5	6.57	Aug. 20	4.51	7.15	Dec. 24	8.4	3.55

When SUMMER TIME is in force One Hour must be added to the above times

FRANK SMYTHSON (ltd.), 54, New Bond Street, W.1

SUNDAY LESSONS

DATE 1955		MATINS		EVENSONG	
		FIRST	SECOND	FIRST	SECOND
Jan.	2	Isaiah xlii	Matthew i, 18	Isaiah xliii or xliv	Acts i
„	9	Isaiah li	Matthew v, 33	Isaiah lii, 13 and liii, or liv	Acts v, 17
„	16	Isaiah lv	Matthew ix, 18	Isaiah lvii or lxi	Acts ix, 23
„	23	Isaiah lxii	Matthew xiii, 24-53	Isaiah lxv or lxvi	Acts xiv
„	30	Job xxvii	Matt. xvi, 24 to xvii, 14	Job xxviii or xxix	Acts xviii, 1-24
Feb.	6	Genesis i & ii, 1-4	Revelation xxi, 1-9	Genesis ii, 4 or Job xxxviii	Revelation xxi, 9 to xxii, 6
„	13	Genesis iii	Matthew xxiv, 29	Genesis vi or viii	Acts xxvii, 18
„	20	Genesis ix, 1-20	Matthew xxvii, 27-57	Genesis xii or xiii	Romans iv
„	23	Isaiah lviii, 1-13	Mark ii, 13-23	Jonah iii	Hebrews xii, 3-18
„	27	Genesis xix, 12-30	Mark iii, 13	Genesis xxii, 1-20 or xxiii	Romans ix, 19
Mar.	6	Genesis xxvii, 1-41	Mark vii, 1-24	Genesis xxviii or xxxii	Romans xv, 8
„	13	Genesis xxxvii	Mark xi, 1-27	Genesis xxxix or xl	1 Corinthians vi
„	20	Genesis xlii	Mark xiv, 53	Genesis xliii or xlv	1 Corinthians xi, 17
„	27	Exodus iii	Luke ii, 21	Exodus v or vi, 1-14	1 Corinthians xvi
Apr.	3	Exodus ix	Matthew xxvi	Exodus x or xi	Luke xix, 28 or xx, 9-21
„	8	Genesis xxii, 1-20	John xviii	Isaiah lii, 13 and 53	1 Peter ii
„	10	Exodus xii, 1-29	Revelation i, 10-19	Exodus xii, 29 or xiv	John xx, 11-19 or Rev. v
„	17	Numbers xvi, 1-36	1 Cor. xv, 1-29	Numbers xvi, 36 or xvii, 1-12	John xx, 24-30
„	24	Numbers xx, 1-14	Luke xviii, 1-31	Numbers xx, 14 to xxi, 10 or xxi, 10	Philippians i
May	1	Isaiah lxi	John i, 43	Zechariah iv	Colossians iii, 1-18
„	8	Deuteronomy iv, 1-23	Luke xxiv, 13	Deuteronomy iv, 23-41 or v	1 Thessalonians v
„	15	Deuteronomy vi	John iv, 31	Deuteronomy ix or x	1 Timothy iv
„	19	Daniel vii, 9-15	Luke xxiv, 44	2 Kings ii, 1-16	Hebrews iv
„	22	Deuteronomy xxx	John vii, 25	Deut. xxxiv or Joshua i	Titus i
„	29	Deuteronomy xvi, 1-18	Romans viii, 1-18	Isa. xi or Ezekiel xxxvi, 25	Galatians v, 16 or Acts xviii, 24 to xix, 21
June	5	Isaiah vi, 1-11	Revelation i, 1-9	Genesis xviii, or i and ii, 1-4	Eph. iv, 1-17 or Matthew iii
„	12	Joshua iii, 7 to iv, 15	John xix, 25	Joshua v, 13 to vi, 21 or xxiv	James iii
„	19	Judges iv	Acts iii	Judges v or vi, 11	1 Peter iv, 7
„	26	1 Samuel ii, 1-27	Acts vii, 35 to viii, 5	1 Samuel iii or iv, 1-19	1 John ii, 1-15
July	3	1 Samuel xii	Acts x, 24	1 Samuel xiii or Ruth i	2 John
„	10	1 Samuel xv, 1-24	Acts xv, 30 to xvi, 16	1 Samuel xvi or xvii	Matthew iv, 23 to v, 13
„	17	2 Samuel i	Acts xx, 1-17	2 Samuel xii, 1-24 or xviii	Matthew viii, 18
„	24	1 Chronicles xxi	Acts xxiv	1 Chron. xxii, or xxviii, 1-21	Matthew xii, 22
„	31	1 Chronicles xxix, 9-29	Romans i	2 Chron. i or 1 Kings iii	Matthew xvi, 1-24
Aug.	7	1 Kings x, 1-25	Romans vii	1 Kings xi, 1-15 or xi, 26	Matthew xx, 17
„	14	1 Kings xii	Romans xi, 25	1 Kings xiii or xvii	Matthew xxiv, 1-29
„	21	1 Kings xviii	1 Cor. i, 26 and ii	1 Kings xix or xxi	Matthew xvii, 1-27
„	28	1 Kings xxii, 1-41	1 Corinthians viii	2 Kings ii, 1-16 or iv, 8-38	Mark ii, 23 to iii, 13
Sept.	4	2 Kings v	1 Corinthians xiv, 1-20	2 Kings vi, 1-24 or vii	Mark vi, 30
„	11	2 Kings ix	2 Cor. ii, 14 and iii	2 Kings x, 1-32 or xiii	Mark x, 32
„	18	2 Kings xviii	2 Corinthians x	2 Kings xix, or xxiii, 1-31	Mark xiv, 27-53
„	25	2 Chronicles xxxvi	Galatians iv, 1-21	Nehemiah i and ii, 1-9 or viii	Luke ii, 1-21
Oct.	2	Jeremiah v	Ephesians iii	Jeremiah xxii or xxxv	Luke v, 17
„	9	Jeremiah xxxvi	Philippians iii	Ezekiel ii, or xiii, 1-17	Luke ix, 1-28
„	16	Ezekiel xiv	1 Thessalonians i	Ezekiel xviii, or xxiv, 15	Luke xii, 35
„	23	Ezekiel xxxiv	2 Thessalonians iii	Ezekiel xxxvii or Daniel i	Luke xvii, 1-20
„	30	Daniel iii	2 Timothy i	Daniel iv or v	Luke xx, 27 to xxi, 5
Nov.	6	Daniel vi	Titus iii	Daniel vii, 9 or xii	Luke xxiii, 26-50
„	13	Hosea xiv	Hebrews vii	Joel ii, 21 or iii, 9	John iii, 22
„	20	Ecclesiastes xi and xii	Hebrews xii	Haggai ii, 1-10 or Malachi iii and iv	John vi, 41
„	27	Isaiah i	1 Peter i, 1-22	Isaiah ii or iv, 2	John x, 22
Dec.	4	Isaiah v	2 Peter i	Isaiah xi, 1-11 or xxiv	John xiii, 21
„	11	Isaiah xxv	1 John iii, 16 to iv, 7	Isaiah xxvi, or xxviii, 5-19	John xviii, 28
„	18	Isaiah xxx, 1-27	Rev. ii, 18 to iii, 7	Isaiah xxxii, or xxxiii, 2-23	Revelation iii, 7
„	25	Isaiah ix, 1-8	Luke ii, 1-15	Isaiah vii, 10-17	Titus iii, 4-9

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●	New Moon	☽	First Quarter
○	Full Moon	☾	Last Quarter

PHASES OF THE MOON

1st	☽	8.29 p.m.	24th	●	1.06 a.m.
8th	○	12.44 p.m.	31st	☽	5.05 a.m.
15th	☾	10.13 p.m.			

PHASES OF THE MOON

7th	○	1.43 a.m.	22nd	●	3.54 p.m.
14th	☾	7.40 p.m.			

MARCH 1955 APRIL

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PHASES OF THE MOON

1st	☽	12.40 p.m.	24th	●	3.42 a.m.
8th	○	3.41 p.m.	30th	☽	8.10 p.m.
16th	☾	4.36 p.m.			

PHASES OF THE MOON

7th	○	6.35 a.m.	22nd	●	1.06 p.m.
15th	☾	11.00 a.m.	29th	☽	4.23 a.m.

1955

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PHASES OF THE MOON

6th ○ 10.14 p.m. 21st ● 8.58 p.m.
15th ☾ 1.42 a.m. 28th ☽ 2.01 p.m.

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PHASES OF THE MOON

5th ○ 2.08 p.m. 20th ● 4.12 a.m.
13th ☾ 12.37 p.m. 27th ☽ 1.44 a.m.

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PHASES OF THE MOON

5th ○ 5.28 a.m. 19th ● 11.34 a.m.
12th ☾ 8.31 p.m. 26th ☽ 3.59 p.m.

PHASES OF THE MOON

3rd ○ 7.30 p.m. 17th ● 7.58 p.m.
11th ☾ 2.33 a.m. 25th ☽ 8.51 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 1955 OCTOBER

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PHASES OF THE MOON

2nd	○	7.59 a.m.
9th	☾	7.59 a.m.
16th	●	6.19 a.m.
24th	☽	3.40 a.m.

PHASES OF THE MOON

1st	○	7.17 p.m.
8th	☾	2.04 p.m.
15th	●	7.32 p.m.
23rd	☽	11.04 p.m.
31st	○	6.04 a.m.

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NOVEMBER 1955 DECEMBER

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PHASES OF THE MOON

6th ☾ 9.56 p.m. 22nd ☽ 5.29 p.m.
14th ● 12.01 p.m. 29th ○ 4.50 p.m.

PHASES OF THE MOON

6th ☾ 8.35 a.m. 22nd ☽ 9.39 a.m.
14th ● 7.07 a.m. 29th ○ 3.44 a.m.

of the Controller of H.M. Stationery Office

Memoranda

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Saturday, January 1

Bank Holiday (Scotland) New Year's Day

Up 7.30 Shampoo. Letter from Alan Barlow who tiresomely and characteristically wants to withdraw 2 psalms. [illegible] to Athenaeum for consideration. Harlene company sent me three large bottles which they have discontinued putting on market because of purchase tax. Nothing very interesting in the way of Peerages on this New Years honours. Tel. McFall and arranged for N. Harper to go to Lees Harleys boat this afternoon at 3. C & I walked through half of Heals and got Max [illegible] to send for a bigger [illegible] of chintz for C's chair. C. got an old saucer to take the place of Clipper Ship one that the little daily woman broke & I got a heavy glass one with [illegible]. Then she went to get towels at the sales for maids and I got some more linen thread at Harveys and went on to Ath. Cumberlege has entered his name for E [illegible] but

seems women [illegible] winter [illegible]

no one else. Home lunch. Read [illegible]

Rested. Tea. Read weeklies. After [illegible]

Up late. Talk telephone wi. McFall
Sunday, January 2
Lucy
that Nicholas Hammers Keers highly pleased with
2nd Sunday after Christmas
best man. Tried to get some assurance of Epstein's private respectability for purposes of his election to Athenaeum but his bad opinion of Kathleen Garman make him disinclined to commit himself. Finally I got him to say that Epstein himself had the most upright and reputable character. Called up Peter at Amberley and asked him to bring up vegetables. C. spoke to him and thought him as someone walks [illegible]. Sunny before luncheon. W. Alan Barlow after, urging election of Epstein on Jan. Rested. Tea. To Evensong Holy Trinity Brompton S.W. Left during second hymn. Full congregation. Home drinks. Fixed grate after lunch

E., + I drought in window after dinner
Finished washing cloth

up 7.30 Breakfast 10.15

Tel. Monday, January 3 Perry about entering Hugh Ashton's name for Athe. W. letter for Mrs Smyth's Glyppe and for Hugh to sign. W. letter to Lewis Carr about Epstein's election under Rule II. To Post office in Knightsbridge and got 1½ stamps to post reports to Granville-Barker best subscriber. Did this after lunch and read Times. Rested but did not sleep. Made drinks. Moira and Peter to dinner for his pheasant. He went home early as he had been going to parties late at Arundel and drove up early this morning. Moira stayed late and talked about the Benckendorffs. Stamped G.B. circulars & sent

Hugh Ashton came in to see Smith

Up 8:20 Breakfast 9.50

Steady Tuesday, January 4 snow falling and gradually covering the ground all day with slush. Letter from Charley agreeing with my suggestion about reducing Newell's pay and time. W. Newell and to Bank to pay him £2.10.0 instead of 3.10.0. Worked checking Lloyds cheque book with accounts received. C out to lunch in car got by Gladys Robertson, with Antonelli's Freda, Gladys Robertson, Gladys Wyndham + Mrs Minto Wilson. I went to lunch at Ath. No new names for Epstein. — Home + got things at Chemist Green's. Corrected sample at Mrs Monroe's + got hammer + knife at hardware shop. Home + C. soon after. Rested called up by Mannings vituperating against Epstein. Tea chopped wood for fire. Made drinks. Dinner. News. Accounts

Worked on accounts till 12.10.0

To bed last night about 10 o'c after a fairly successful night of accounts.

Wednesday, January 5

Night of dreams including dizzy heights. Finally woke fr. Erotic dreaming of S curtains. Day cold but not so cold as yesterday and dry. Hope to avert Railway strike. Letter fr. Ld. Jowitt will support Epstein for A.R. Out and tried in vain all over the place for glass candlesticks for Dudley Hall. Home & lunch. 1.30 Tel. Apsley Gallery to try to get 4 candlesticks. They have 2. I got their name & number by calling Moss Harris. Rested but could not sleep. Up read paper. Drinks and soup & sandwiches and hired car to take us to and from Separate tables by Terence Rattigan at St James's Theatre interesting & very well acted but not pleasant. Home disposed of Xmas cards.

went by

Thursday, January 6

Epiphany

woke early and finally slept again till 8.30 Breakfast in C. [illegible]. She has grapefruit and coffee and I have orange and tea nothing else. After finishing my morning routine C. & I went out and had our American passports renewed Grosvenor Square. She went on to [illegible] sandwiches and came in at 1 to Foyles where I found 1904 Who's Who not available till April. On to lunch St Martin's Lane. Looked in at [illegible] 80 [illegible] Piccadilly from 3 to 5. after lunch. C arrived soon and we ordered, had beef and then Peter arrived with a cold before we finished. I phoned [illegible] letter from Blacks [illegible] re T. C. to [illegible]. I had very Martini alone. They came back disappointed no one there

After dinner to Bissell Sent Xmas cards

Lo Ch

up 7.30 Friday, January 7 Breakfast 10c. W. of D. Crowhurst

Tel. Leonard for hair cut. No. 9 bus to S. Martin in Fields Left my best Xmas cards at ~~St M~~ Charing + Hospital. Paid in G's ½ of Piles £18.0. 9 + cashed cheque for £5.0.0 To P.O. for stamps. Posted letters. Bus to St George's Ch: Called Cameo Corner and settled w. Miss Cook to make brooch of Lilian Bell's hat pin with a £12. central diamond. To Apsley Pellat. Manager out. 4 glass candlesticks with slender spiral stem will just do for Susan Harris wedding present. Tel G. about it and brought one away to show her. To Peter Robinson Leicester Sq. but no towels in their linen sale. To Wings Piccadilly + bought grey pullover for £2.5.0 Talk Mr King about Beards + old family businesses. Home lunch. G. who came in later. Showed her candlestick. After lunch Hair cut + gave Leonard 18/-

Rested! Tea!! Read papers. Made drinks. After dinner put cord on G's calendar to hang up.

Saturday, January 8

up 7.45 Breakfast 9. Tel Apsley Pellatt that I would bring back glass candlestick and they said they would pack the 4 in a nice box. C. off to Harrods Sale where she got a dozen fine hemstitched face towels for maids at ½ price 4/6 I went to Apsley Pellatt with candlestick and card for Dugdale Hare. Stopped at Knightsbridge P.O. and got dozen 2d. stamps C. home soon after me and at once started writing her novel Madame Solario which is nearing completion and very much exciting her. Got out drinks and Peter came. His cold is better After lunch I did a bit of mending and went to bed early. Peter has gone. up 5 o'c. C went to the wi. Viola and I had tea alone. Read paper. Myxamatosis plague of rabbits seems responsible for loss of poultry & lambs taken by foxes. C. home after 7. Viola refuses to believe her Reviews are discontented. Drinks. After dinner. Hunted for

w. 23/11. In reply rec'd Card from
Letter fr. C. Hopkins. [illegible]
Life on Ocean Waves to S. [illegible]

S. Times on Life on Ocean Waves

Up 7.45. Breakfast 9.
Finding

Sunday, January 9

Orange and Stew with nothing to eat quite satisfying.

1st Sunday after Epiphany

Tried to get McFall at home and studio but no reply. So plan for Peter and me to go to Sea Beast can't be carried out. Spent entire morning making up American income tax papers for Coates of Girard Trust. Out for brief walk in garden. Cold and pale yell. sun. Sherry and Dubonnet. Peter arrived about 1.10. After lunch he wai. C. to engage Stephanie's room at Cdl. Hotel. W. Coates to go wi. formes for income tax. Tea 6 o'c. Freda called up. Will ask Stephanie to Deirdre's wedding but not Peter. W. F.A. Kenyon Sargill author of letter in S. Times Nov 21, attributing "Life on Ocean Wave" to Samuel James Arnold. Drinks before dinner. Chocolate after. Listened to news. Mended sock. Sewed top button on my over coat. Took Xmas candle wax spots out of carpet wi. flat iron

Monday, January 10

Waken at 1.30 by faint sounds in C's room. Could a burglar possibly have got in through my sheets of glass? Up and saw bright light through crack in door and knew it was C. going to bed as usual. I had not heard her passing my door as usual. Wakeful the rest of that night but slept late and up when [illegible] drew C's curtains at 9.30. Pleasant letter from Timmy's lawyer Dwyer. Tel. fr. [illegible] who has been put on semi-retirement. He is collecting money for Roger's wedding present. Studied Dwyer's letter and previous correspondence. C. before her dinner went to her dress maker. Her grey home evening dress [illegible] trimmed by my big ornamental black buttons. Read long typed letter from Marguerite Holton. After lunch went pd. C's bill at Cairns chemist & got groceries. [illegible]. C. 1 till 5.30. She is starting a cold & I gave her inhal[illegible]. Paid bills. Drinks. After dinner balanced my cheque book

wrote cheque statements 12:20 M

Woke 7 o'c Dozed and up 8.20

Tuesday, January 11

Letter from Sir Gerald Kelly and Julian Huxley in support of Epstein for Ath., Mrs Sharp Page arrived early and is putting double cuffs on Hanley's shirts. I spent morning writing long letter to Marguerite Horton and spoke 'phone to Tel. Purdy to ask if his wife would handle her MS. G. to lunch Normandie w. Gladys Robertson and Freda Listowel. Tel. Watson. To lunch Ath., Julian Huxley, Lord Jowett and Paul Oppé have signed book for Epstein. To Watson and tried on my Lovat homespun — very good. Home late. G. a bit later. Both to rest up & tea 6.0 o'c. Hard work kindling fire w. wet logs. G.'s cold bad, deep chest cough. Read papers. Made rum drink — strong. After dinner listened radio. Paid accounts w. draft letter to Cecil Carr

Hilary Law Sittings begin

[illegible] Times in support of Epstein

Wednesday, January 12

C's cold is worse and she is staying in bed. Called up K.P. Agency office and changed Peter's theatre seats for Friday from Beatrice Lillie to Thursday at 8.30. Also engaged seats for Beatrice Lillie for C. & me for Friday 21st. Letters from Mrs Monroe her father's chintz on easy chairs. Ltrs. Sir Gerald Kelly and Sir Cecil Carr. Heavy fog. W. Bill Humphreys thanked him for his Xmas entertain Christmas card. Called up David McFarlane just back from Australia, ordered wine. C. has dozed all day. She had a light lunch. I had mine in dining room as usual. Out afterwards. Got my eczema salve at Crisp, stamps at P.O. and dates and grapes at Young & Rassell. Read Times & E. Standard after tea. C. no better. Thinks she has fever but I can't find thermometer that I had for Peter.

Tel. to Train but he says he left it in spare room
Tel. Edward W. says Violet is going on well after an operation

Tel. letter for clinical thermometer which he has lost i
came to dinner

ACCOUNTS

Thursday, January 13

Woke at 2.30 and could
get problems out of
my mind; Did not sleep.
Property affairs. C. seems a little
better. Tel. fr. Virginia Thurger.
Gay is ill and may not be
able to come to dinner tomorrow
night. Later tel. fr. office for
John Mathews's tel. number. Cold
misty day. Mrs. Shaw Page here
Gave her shirt to shorten sleeve
W. Marguerite. Luncheon 1.15
Read Times. Out for brief walk
in the gathering snow and
cold. Rested. C. did not sleep
and felt worse. After tea
we discussed party and
she telephoned to Claudia
Wyndham and asked her
to come with Edward. She
did not think they could but
would let her know tomorrow.
I gave her a drink of whiskey
and lemon and sugar and
hot water. After dinner
W. Draper and Reggett
Huntington's and sent them to
Ruth Shields to type and
W. T. L. H. about Theodore's
death and the Walden estate

which the days has come [illegible]

[illegible]

Good night – C. has headache
but seems a little better

Friday, January 14

though not enough to come
to dinner. Elizabeth telephoned
that Edward is sneezing and
that they can't come to dinner
so took the places of C. & Tony
Thesiger. Virginia telephoned
that Tony is [illegible]. W. Arden
Reynolds whom Arthur Bliss
wants me to advise about getting
a publisher. Out and got
chrysanthemums and tulips at
Kent gardens and grapes at
Sloane St. fruiterer. After lunch
got out wines. Cooked at [illegible]
and then late. Made dinner
late and C. wandered about
arranging flowers and preparing
for party. Peter [illegible] into
dressed [illegible] in the drawing
Betty arrived. Then all the others
Dick + Sheila Tucker + snow girl
+ Virginia Thesiger + Cambon
with drinks for Peter – then
they went off to [illegible]
at 5:30 [illegible] Casanova [illegible]
Peter had to join for £5.0.0
The rest of us had a pleasant
and delicious little dinner for 4.
Talked about Peter vs. Dick

After dinner in drawing room and Peter
brought the [illegible] at end of evening

Boat Race & Grand National

Saturday, ~~January 15~~ March 26

Slept well & up 8.15

No papers. Read yesterday Times which I had not read yesterday. After breakfast W. Westminster & Lloyds asking for accounts to end of March & quarterly: out w. E. She took taxi to Rapiers to have her gown skirt altered. I went to Harrods & exchanged her book for Anna Cora Mowatt. Got blank: T & Pett for grapes. Home & took bus for one stop giving conductor 2/- & he thought I merely wanted change & gave me 6 coppers + 3 sixpences. Peter to lunch. Listened to boat-race, Cambridge won by 12-15 lengths. Listened to Grand National. My horse won. I bet £1. each way. W. Orangehurst, after rest & tea. Paid bills and did accounts: Drinks. Dinner. News. Accounts

No papers on account of strike

Warmer and snow has
melted **Sunday, January 16** in the
Park. No news of Stephanie

Called up Peter at *2nd Sunday after Epiphany*
11.10. Woke him up. Said he
got back from Amberley very
late will come to luncheon
Spent the morning on my
Westminster Bank accounts
which I agree with bank
statements within 9d. Peter
got some duck and a snipe
at Amberley and had
dinner with the Knitzes
whom he liked. K. is a
professional cellist. W.
Hammond to put heater point
in cottage attic bedroom.
G. had luncheon in bed and
Peter and I in the dining room
Read S. Times. Replied S.T. re
Read Observer and built up
good fires in sitting room. G.
dressed for dinner. Strong [illegible]
drinks. She spent evening
in sitting room. She knitted

the full watt W. Mrs Westbrook

Monday, January 17

Awake in night hearing G. coughing. Worried about Sher as she sat up in sitting room after fire had gone out at 12. S. left light. Tel. Davidson about fan box. C. went to hair-dresser. Letter fr. P. A. Lanyon-Orgill basing his claim for S. J. Arnold's authorship of Life on Ocean Wave on Marine Dept copy which he saw in some library. Sent his copy to Mrs. Smith to type so that I can send it to Gerry Hopkins. W. Lanyon Orgill quoting Poe & referring to Uncle Epes's published poems. Out and got grapes. Stephanie arrived after awful trip by air and sea from Paris. Had appointment w dentist Hargreaves this A.M. G. returned and I gave him drinks. After lunch I telephoned and wrote Kelvinator on Major Bakers advice about refrigerator. Emptied chest of wood with Dyer who will repair it. Rested. Tea. Read papers. Moved wood with Eugie on to balcony. Drinks.

C. talked at dinner about Stephanie's talking

Tuesday, January 18

up 7.45 Looked at Times and Evening. Epstein elected to Athenaeum under Rule II. Paid bills. Explained about cuffs to Mrs Shaw-Page. Paid bills. Dressed C. in her remodelled Sable Cape and I in top hat & tails walked to Clamp Robertson where we met Slippers & had [illegible]. Left too late for St. James's Spanish Place where we found the Church packed and got worst seats for Deirdre Hare's wedding to Lord Grantley. She looked hard and foreign and slender. Bridesmaids and pages all in white. On to crowded reception in Hutchinson (Derby) House. Frocks in emeralds & diamonds. Unlimited champagne. Home elated. Tel. Epstein pleased. Peter to dinner. Tel Alan Burdon Re insurance C's sables.

Finished breakfast about
10 o'C. Got out wine for C's
Wednesday, January 19
luncheon and w. Berry
for more to replenish.
W. Bishop Bell, Cumberlege
Dunsany thanks for support
for election of Epstein.
C. dressing to go out when
Luther came from Seeing
about 12 o'C. I got him
to help arranging chairs
and glasses. Gave him 5/
Got papers together and
put on coat about 12.5
when Mary Packe arrived.
Then Claudie Wyndham
then B. Wilson and then
Genays. I talked to Genays
until C. came ~~down~~ late
and he I went down and
met Gladys Robertson, Fred
and Stephanie. Took them up
and then went to Alts for [illegible]
Got out names of Catholic publish-
ers for Arthur Bulls young
man Aidan Reynolds. Posted
letters & bought stamps. Stephanie

lune party was aun a success.
Rested. Roused by what I thought was a bell

Slept late. Depressed. Broadcast on religion

Woke early + slept late again Thursday, January 20 Of course it is because I sit up so late. In bed one o'c last night. After breakfast to Police station and found Caroline Terrace near Sloane Square. Off Bourne St. W. Roberts of Pembroke Kelvinator. Paid Seeboard out and left Mayers fan in Caroline Terrace which I had great difficulty in finding. 6 of tulips to be sent to Violet Leconfield in a nursing home recovering from operation. Home and lunch. Spent 1½ hours mending dining room electric bell. Wire had worn out. Rested. Tea 6.15. W. Stephanie who had been waiting in sitting room. Consulted her about shortening sleeves of grey pull-over bought at Wings. Made drinks. Discussed Moyle Frasers family. It might have been her mother who took the box I left with the black ostrich fan at Caroline Terrace. Nice Simple but very plain. Took

Inhibition eased 2 tablets. Mag be getting

W. Mark Hawes

Friday, January 21

Suspicion of sore throat last night – & seemed more pronounced in the night & pain in chest. Used Nebulizer and felt no symptoms in morning except a general heaviness. Tele. Mrs Cook called saying that Eleanor's hat pin for C. had been made into a brooch. C. cancelled Beatrice Lillie tickets for tonight. Went back to bed when room was ready and started reading Marguerite's Laurels in Harlem. C. had Stephanie and Ellie Robert to luncheon which they seemed to enjoy and it went very well. I had a glass of hot milk and some vegetables. Went on reading after lunch and then rested and slept. Tea and more reading. C. is feeling better but still congestion in head and chest. I had egg, hot milk, vegetables and prunes. Read Standard and Times.

Slept well and felt better

took bath

Saturday, January 22

did exercises which may have
been a mistake for my throat
felt worse. Went through
my usual bathroom after
breakfast routine and read
Daily Mirror. Letter from
Ted Purdy that his uncle is
an agent would try to place
Marguerite Norton's memoir
Spent morning practicing
letter to him. Must be
careful not to put in anything
that he might hurt her
by quoting. Lunch spaghetti
and peaches. Read G. my
letters to Dwyer about Stadley
Read a little of Marguerite
Norton. Tried to sleep but my
mouth kept coming open.
Letter from Epstein that he is
too busy to have luncheon at
Alls. on Wednesday his day he
chose. Suggested dinner ours
myself \ Wilkins & Borland

Read Marguerite Laurels in [illegible] before & after dinner

Often [illegible] that which goes forward of the

Sunday, January 23

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Slept well. Skipped bath and exercise. Merely drank my two big glasses of hot water on rising. Read papers and see that my old Anastasia has appeared again in a play besides the film while she herself is living as Anna Anderson in the Black Forest protected by a minor German royalty. Finished reading Marguerite Laurels in Lavender. Pleasant if fulsome tributes to the great. Had a light version of usual Sunday dinner but still felt I had eaten too much. Violet Leconfield called up C. and had a long gallant talk from her nursing home. Insists that she has not cancer but an ulcer in the upper rectum. I called up Alan Reynolds in Abergavenny and put him off luncheon tomorrow. Also cancelled table at Athenaeum. Rested but hardly slept. My mouth keeps hurting again. Peter called up while we were eating. G. H. Hubert

Cabled the Dames to dinner. Has been rather

[illegible] about it — just in Overdrinks C. [illegible]

Slept fairly well and
Monday, January 24
woke with less feeling in
throat and chest.
Bad Railway crash on Bristol
line. Heard nothing from
Aidan Reynolds although
[illegible] is going beyond
good statesmanship in this
vilification of Dutch in S.A.
Electricity cheque recd fr.
Mrs [illegible]. Ack. to her to
[illegible] St & sent to [illegible]
& paid. C. arranged w. Roger
to go to his wedding party to-
morrow with Stella instead of
me. He and Moyra was thrilled
by fan. G. to lunch w. Ida
taking wool dress material
from [illegible]. [illegible] in bed.
Tel fr. Aidan Reynolds in
London. Will call tomorrow
at 11 A.M. Read Times and
tried to rest but again could
not keep [illegible] short. Em
back & Brian telephoned she
visited and can't come to see
Stephanie this afternoon and after dinner

S. came and E. again gave Ella my pullover
to shorten the sleeves. W. Pudsey before

Tuesday, January 25

Got to sleep early last night
and up again. 8 o'C. Tel Dr [illegible]
and asked him to come. I
had letter fr. Alan Barlow
suggesting Epstein [illegible] T.
and from Ida Carrick thanking
me for choosing her [illegible]
and [I] John asking for contribu-
tion for silver cigarette box
present to West [illegible] having
[illegible] of [illegible]. Dr R. came and
found nothing serious. Aidan
Reynolds came tall mild young
27 years old. Talked to him about
publishing. E came back fr.
back [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] by Stephanie who
has come to lunch w. C.
who is out-shopping. Wrote
Pretty about Wakefield's
[illegible] book which I have
told her to send to Mrs P. Sent M's
MS to her by reg post. Treated
C. to sable cape + diamond clip
[illegible]. [illegible] to [illegible] + [illegible] wedding
[illegible] party at Temple [illegible].
John + Kay Marsh. Violet. Charlotte
B-C. Alan + Helen Hubback. great
success. Read Bishop Barnes

papers + [illegible] [illegible]

Awful night after taking [
of Repmann's

Wednesday, January 26

Rodonal or
tablets, congested head, fuming
sweat, no sleep, feeble

Wattle Day, Australia

Prostrate in the morning. Could not
shave. Gradually came more or
less to consciousness. Took 2
more tablets and then slept.
Only glass of milk for lunch.
Slept in the afternoon. C. went
to see Viola and had a bad
time. Offended her by saying
her story about herself [illegible]
Isolo is spiritual but advised
her to send it to Bert, [illegible]
for New Yorker. I had
tea alone and read papers.
Stephanie came to lunch and
Monica to dinner. C. called up
Repmann and he said it was
damned nonsense that his
vitamins affected me badly. She
asked him to come tomorrow
morning but I telephoned and
told him not to come. Cream of
toast-like rubber. Glass of milk [illegible]
Read Biography of Barbara [illegible]

Rest of X [illegible]

Slept soundly and got up
Thursday, January 27
about eleven O'C. Again did
not shave, by this Calling of two
a certain about x a [illegible] ! when
I postponed giving up.
2. Worry [illegible] knocked pausing at C.
Felt enormously better than yesterday
Worked with ink eradicator on
the immense ink spot one day of
C's napkins for daily use. Got it
mostly out by afternoon and then put
it to soak in milk to be left to
go sour. C. went out soon
after 12 to hear her [illegible] made
done by her Miss Richards of
Harrods and to get me some
grapes. She came back about 1.30
but I had an egg vegetables and
apple charlotte for luncheon.
Rested about 3.30 but did
not sleep and head congested.
Coughed a great deal and mucous
slightly darker. Stephens came
to see C. about 5.30 [illegible]
tea 6.0. C. asked Stephens
about his solution [illegible] I let
him [illegible] he did about 5.45
his way to dinner with Swedish [illegible]

only a glass of milk for dinner. Inhaled

Friar's Balsam

Slept [illegible] up most of night

Friday, January 28

fairly [illegible] sweating heavily a little about 8.30. Felt well enough to dress for first time for 27 days. Breakfast at Dr. [illegible] Rested all morning and did not attempt anything. C. took Jeff to see Ruth Knight's parrot which he does not think likes [illegible] They went on to a restaurant. No time for a film so C. came home early. B & I rested but neither of us slept much. Stephanie called after tea and stayed till dinner when Fred came and she left. Stephanie does not talk very sympathetic after dinner. The [illegible] has [illegible] a restaurant for G. to see [illegible] [illegible] a schoolmaster [illegible] falling in [illegible] a friend [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] been congenial and I could not [illegible], but at one o'c.

[illegible] when most and

B.3 = sleeping [illegible] kept me un-
conscious from 10 till about 7

Saturday, January 29

and [illegible] fell asleep after that
and felt wonderfully better. Shaved
and had a long bath. M. [illegible] day.
E. [illegible] tea and one egg. No
particular movement of bowels.
Read D. Mercer. America getting
into a [illegible] over Formosa.
G. went to Bagg for a new handle
to his Partridge stick and then lunch
with Ruth Bagg, Vere Brown,
French Restaurant. Very dull!
I had Friars Balsam after
breakfast and again after lunch
and a third time after dinner. I
still have fever about 101
G. came home about 4 and had
a good sleep. I rather [illegible]
has got more and more [illegible]
and I feel very strained and [illegible]
Stephanie with R. [illegible] tel. Did
not go to [illegible], will come
to church tomorrow. I have
taken another sleeping tablet

Could not sleep afternoons 3 cups for [illegible]

Sunday, January 30

4th Sunday after Epiphany

took 2 of gr sleeping tablets and slept from 1 o c to 9.30 woke [illegible] terrible gout in wrist and sharp sore throat around palate took gout mixture 4 times during the day and inhaled Friars balsam 3 times. In great pain all day from gout first in left wrist and later [illegible] itself. [illegible] came to see me and said he would like my camels hair sleeveless pullover that I have never worn and [illegible] [illegible] for his [illegible] [illegible] first step in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] about [illegible] on [illegible] Lawrence. [illegible] Niels [illegible] defeats [illegible] I had a good [illegible] [illegible] awful [illegible] another tragedy

Monday, January 31

One pill did not do the trick
my head remained
congested so I took another about
2 o'clock and slept in a rather
night-marish way. Found myself
up and talking about and knocking
during the night my bedside cupboard
broke clock case and lamp [illegible]
and knocked [illegible] of water on the
floor. Somehow [illegible] the bed
and got into it - found the bed
everything was [illegible] in the morning
over the room [illegible] all
at 8.30 called up Ripman and
and told him to come. A. Walker
found me at the telephone
[illegible] trying it [illegible]. She went
out to dentist. Ripman
came about 11.30 Says my
sore throat is gout and told me
to go on with medicine. Stayed
in bed to lunch / [illegible] all day
just felt achy and slept till
5.30. I had [illegible] Peter and
[illegible] the [illegible] girls who
came to old Jones Tree. Agnes gave
Peter Birthday cake. Good time.

sheets. I gave him whiskey & a [illegible] do
[illegible] a [illegible] [illegible]

Tuesday, February 1

Shooting ends

Took 2 pills at about 11.30
and slept till 8.30 but did
not feel too well rested.
Evidently these pills have
an unhealthy effect. I was
so exhausted that it
took me a couple of hours
to get through my morning
routine although I did not
shave or take a bath.
Letter from Maylowe (Zoomer)
who says he has written
a book. G. went out early
with smoked salmon sandwiches
from the Lennox. She had
their hair done and then went
to a negro Carmen film which
she enjoyed. She got home
about 3.30. I had an egg for
lunch but no appetite. I
coughed most of afternoon
but perhaps slept a little. Tea
[illegible] came for his [illegible]
[illegible]
and talked with Miss Gladys
to death. I read [illegible]
libel case against [illegible]
for which he got £13,000

Excessive in my opinion as I think
these South American millionaires
are fair game

Wednesday, February 2

SCOTTISH QUARTER DAY (*Candlemas*)

Did not take C's sleeping tablets last night and did not sleep a wink. I coughed, when I lay down, incessantly. Then tried sitting up wrapped in blue rug but did not sleep. Felt terribly weak and exhausted in the morning. But did not have the peculiar hang over that results from the sleeping capsules. Doctor came about eleven. Advises some sort of sleeping drug and then dilute to try Sedobrol. He also prescribed a solution for my cough and tablets to suck. Gout is still main cause of my condition and I am to continue gout medicine. C. went out and came back for lunch about 1:30. Good luncheon of chicken and a semolina sweet. Read Times. Tried to sleep but couldn't. Stephanie came as usual to tea with C. and Peter, brought Antonia Pakenham for drinks and snacks before going on to the play, dinner and a night club.

Took Sedobrol and glycotin the last thing and certainly had a better night with substantial periods of sleep but a good deal of coughing. Woke fairly early - round about 6 o'c and thought I felt fresher and better but when I tried to get up I had painful head and not a particle of strength. Managed to shave but did attempt a bath. E gave me my various medicines. C's Parish dress maker fitted C's diamond blue black flowing dress with shawl neck. Nelly Romilly called. She came to lunch Friday Dec 10. we. Violet [illegible] and Hugh Ashton and Denny Bothwell and made pretty a success. C and Stephanie went to lunch with Freda, Ruth, Hugh, Blanche [illegible] & John Lascelles. I had a good lunch of chicken & rice pudding. C came back about 3.30 and we talked and she slept till dinner. Stephanie came for the [illegible] and left me a ballet [illegible]

+ingd Times + letter fr Marguerite Hatton

Thursday, February 3

Friday, February 4

Took Seconal last night
and finally got a little
sleep, but towards morning
coughed so much that I
sat up in bed wrapped in
blue shawl and then slept very
well but sweated profusely.
Felt a little more energy.
Went slowly through morning
routine and had a bath but
no exercises. Dr Kaufman
came about 11 and found me
better. Will come again Monday.
Read D. [illegible] and Spectator
and New Statesman on [illegible]
Current. No one likes it but it
almost if has a good deal of truth.
G. at [illegible] W. Clarke to meet
[illegible]. G. Ted goodbye to
[illegible] whom she [illegible].
G. got back to rest 3.30
[illegible] sitting. Ph. shopping. W. Ida
about her [illegible] dress. [illegible]
Came to dinner. Has had her interview

was [illegible] night was

did not feel so well and
found it Saturday, February 5 harder
to get through morning routine
but felt rewarded after straining
so badly to have only orange
and tea. It was bad. Lay then
time and did not attempt anything
more than 2: Mirror and Death
column of Times. Stephanie
till 9. goodbye, and made a
great deal of getting Ridgways
Tea. ~~C. went to lunch with~~
~~Claudine Wyndhams and~~
~~quarts a fruity~~
I looked at papers and
coughed and dozed and felt
too weak for anything else
After lunch tried to sleep
without success. Felt
better after tea. Peter went
to a cocktail party at the
Cuthberts and then came on
to dinner here at 7:30
He came in to see me as he
always does. Expects to
know sometime next week about

possible mno— ob

Sunday, February 6

Septuagesima *Accession of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II (1952)*

woke early after a good night of long spells of sleep interrupted by long spells of coughing and clearing my trachea and bronchial tubes of phlegm which I brought up in prodigious quantities. I [illegible] I felt much better till I got up to draw my curtains and fetch my water to drink when I found that every smallest effort or movement reduced me to a state of panting exhaustion. Called Edgar and got a table-spoon and gave myself a glass of glucodin. Must have wound my clock wrong for it stopped when C. said it was 11.15. Finally succeeded in shaving and taking a bath and thus greatly enjoyed my orange and tea. Lovely day with sunshine and crows cawing in garden. Peter came to lunch in good spirits. Papers all hopeless and helpless on subject of Formosa. Managed a light lunch of veal, vegetables & apple tart. Read papers and dozed off. Then fled

myself to rest [illegible]; and not sleep again
Tea 5.30. C. out too: nil

After a fair night woke
Monday, February 7
finally at about 8.45
feeling a bit less weak
than previously. Dr [illegible]
called just as I was starting
to take a bath after [illegible]
and before my breakfast. [illegible]
He found my [illegible] and
prescribed [illegible] meat. I
quite enjoyed my oranges
and tea breakfast. I [illegible]
Marguerite and paid bills.
C. out wi. sandwiches to
see Chaas' film which she did
not enjoy much. I ate a
good lunch and then went
on with bills etc. C. came
home soon after [illegible] and
we both went to [illegible]. I slept
deeply till 7 o'c. Tea and felt much
restored. Read Times. Soup &
grapes for dinner. C. [illegible]
about Bantock's quotations
from [illegible] Myers. Nightly
routine & bed about 12 3

Tuesday, February 8

Throat congestion much reduced and coughing produces only very little mucous. Evidently result of Friars Balsam & inhaling. But constant tickle and much coughing disturbing my sleep. Woke finally 9 o'c and got through complete morning routine with little need to pause for rest. Lilians [illegible] altered with centre diamond arrived fr Cameo Corner and C. pleased. Paid bills & dozed. C. went out for a little shopping. Luncheon with appetite 1.30. W. Lattie Scott about Newill's income tax. Read Times. Rested and slept deeply. Tea 6 o'c. C. had gone to concert at Italian Embassy. I found I had made a huge ink spot on my shirt and tried to get it out with ink eradicator but failed. Peter came & had a drink before

to Clydesdale Dance

C. returned. Slept to dinner and left soon after. W. up for Peter

Wednesday, February 9

rest. awake a good deal by incessant tickling that coughing fails to reach. But woke up finally about 7.30 more inclined to get up than previously and less exhausted by the effort. Heated and drank my hot water and glucodin all very leisurely. Shaved and was ready for bath at 9 o'C. Eggar did my room and I had breakfast 9.30. Papers full of new Russian regime which no one understands. Dozed most of morning. G. to lunch Lady Hardwick. After my lunch on good rare steak I w. Alan Barlow regretting that my illness has prevented dinner at Epsteins. Slept. Tea, Peter came and took G to dinner with Wayland Hilton Young. W. Epstein about my influenza.

Thursday, February 10

wake 5 o'c but could not bring myself to get up till nearly 9. Shaved and had a bath and had breakfast about 10 Dr Papineau called soon after and found me better Peters now Clydesdale Bank wanted to know about his banking status as a foreigner & I referred him to Mr Donohue. Wr Bell about my stocking for which he sent me samples wool. Wr Zimmerer Malouse about his Mo. Afternoon I read a lot. Good lunch. ~~South~~ Slept again. Got sleepy and changed to night clothes and then could not sleep. C. had tea with me in my room and then went to see Moura. I read Evening Standard & Times after dinner in hall. Then spent evening turning up cuffs of undershirts not

Mrs S-hauer- Page had made us comfortable with pleats at elbows.

attack of tickling in throat
at about Friday, February 11 3.30 A.M
and slept the rest of the night
sitting up wrapped in shawl.
Felt tired but not so weak
when I shaved and had my
bath from 9.30 – 10. Read
D. Mirror. Spent morning
paying bills. W. Rogers
in reply to her letter about more
work on orchard. C. out to
lunch with Lady Lloyd where
she met Mrs Gerald Lascelles
who married Queen's cousin
the second son of Princess Royal.
Fish for lunch. Felt sleepy
after and had got ready to
rest when C. came back and
then did not succeed in actually
sleeping. C. had gone to see Viola
when I had tea at 5.45. Lady
Sowerby had told C. privately
that she was going to leave C.
& Viola alone. Read Standard
& B.P. & Barnes. C. came back
late. Expected Fitz to dinner
but he did not come. After
dinner C. sat with me. The
other guests at lunch were
Cookson Bullfield & C. Leslie Vio;
Lady Dora Scott

Republic Premier [illegible]
House of Commons last night

C. to tea. Mrs Lowther back. Dr. M[illegible]

Awoke for a long time
with the idea

Saturday, February 12

on my mind of a cocktail party
for Granville Barker but
of a Gerald Lascelles cocktail
party which I would never consider
seriously in day time. Slept
later and up at 8 o'c. Shaved
bath & breakfast about 9.30
Read D. Mirror. Put away
receipts. Dozed and slept
most of morning. Went
out to Harrods at 12 and
got some grapes. I worked
before and after lunch on
accounts curiously
unbalancing like accounts
which I finally found to be
correct in result. Read
Times. To rest about 3.30
without getting sleepy first and
slept till after 5 and then
dozed on till 6 — when I had
tea and read E. Standard. G.
sat w. me. No news from
Peter. Before and after
dinner read Bishop Barnes

and worked on Times Cross words
puzzle. Took Sedobrol

Sunday, February 13

Sexagesima

Patch of wakefulness towards morning and vivid dreams but no coughing. Roused by Luigi drawing C's curtains at 8.30. Did a few bath exercises. Read papers after breakfast. America's adherence to that incompetent corrupt Chiang Kai Chek as stating a dangerous situation over Formosa. Russian government impossible to be clear about. Dozed latter part of morning. Peter came to lunch returning from Cambridge to keep his engagement with us. He went to Cambridge yesterday morning and had dinner with Carmen Blacker & his Stephen & Rosemary whom he took. After lunch Zimmern Marlowe

brought his MS. for me to read

Rested. Worked on Times X word before + after dinner —

Monday, February 14

St. Valentine's Day

R 3

Slept well. Roused by Engus drawing curtains at 8.30. Breakfast 10 O'C. Read D. Mirror. Checked my solutions of X word puzzle in Times had got everything right so far as I had gone. C. showed me the blue velvet cocktail dress made by Polish dressmaker who brought it to-day. Read Times. Read Zimmerer's novel wh. seems to begin with creation of Cameo corner. C. gave ladies luncheon for Antoinette on her return from Madeira. Lady Lloyd, Lady Lee, C. Wyndham, C. Robertson, Lady Lascelles & very good food which I shared & pleased to have it over. Cyril said she did not like giving parties but liked going to them. I went to rest soon after this and slept and dozed unconscious. When I looked at my clock it was 7.30. Had tea. Read E. Standard & Zimmerer's book. 3 sandwiches, Dubonnet, [illegible] grapes at 9 O'C. Read

Zimmerer

Fell asleep last night about 12

Tuesday, February 15

and did not put myself in order for the night till 1 o'c. Slept well and waked only at 8.30 when E. just drew back B's curtains. I shaved and had my bath as usual at about 10 o'c. C. went out early to hair dresser and on to a luncheon with B. Weston. I read D. Marez and later Times. E had letter from Mabel Hopkins who says she has supported herself by keeping chickens – ~~a hard~~ life – but now the sittings of Mr Quincy estate has been taken over by the City of Boston she hopes to receive [illegible]. She wants C. to suggest a Rooming Club where she could stay. She asked this before the last time she heard from her many years ago. I dozed before the chairs and W. 14 – McFall after lunch went to rest at 3.15. just about when C. returned. We had tea together at 4.30 Stanley who talked of a Harry [illegible] strange [illegible] after [illegible] Boyd's Read

Zimmerer's [illegible] before and after dinner
with visits from E.

Slept well. C lucodin last thing at night

Wednesday, February 16

and first thing in morning. Up 8 o'c. Breakfast 9.30. No letters. Curious I do not hear from anyone about Hadley. Read D. Mirror. Continuing Reffmans syrup cough medicine which seems to make me sleepy. Dozed most of morning. Read Times. Ida Carrick came to lunch. We. C & I had thought of getting up for lunch but did not feel up to it. Davis's man taking up carpet in hall and taking down curtains in spare room to clean. Had good luncheon. To rest soon after and rested & dozed and slept till 6 o'c when I had tea. C came to see me. She is waiting easily on the last part of the novel Madame Solario. Read Evening Standard. Dry Martini before my dinner. Afterwards read Z [illegible] book and finished the 137 pages he sent me to read. G. Distiller & Tonic Bitters

on stick rather sleepy

Slept well - up 8.30

Thursday, February 17

Bath and complete exercises
Read D. Mirror. I never get
any letters and I am anxious
about Hadley. W. Mabel
in reply to his letter to C.
asking about a London
Club. W. Forum Club
on Athenaeum paper ask
ing for their book of
members. C. out 11.15
Cinema with sandwiches
Tel. Roger Fulbrook about
Zimmern's book. W.
him. After luncheon
W. Woodhurst about
his account. C. came
back at 2.45 and tells
me about her film
Basket of primroses
from Butterworths
To rest 3.45 - Roused at
tea 6.30 Read Standard
letter fr. Barlow, Epstein

has not accepted his election or
paid subscription; Peter Davies
are having Announcements
Royal Cattell
[illegible] unknown Press

Finished Bishop Barnes's Rise of Xianity
[illegible] matter w drafts, before dinner

Persistent sex dreams which
left me Friday, February 18 normal
after a period awake. Finally
roused as often by Ezzie drawing
the curtains and up soon after
8.30. Complete bath exercises &
Tel fr. Mc Fall enquiring taken
by Ezzie. Read Observer and
Spectator & New Statesman
& Cheques W. Allen. Up and
dressed for luncheon in dining
room. Made me very tired and
difficult to carry through but
probably good for me. Went
straight back to bed. C. im-
patient of my mistakes and
lapses of memory. Back to
bed straight from dining room.
Read Times and then went to
rest about 3.30. Slept and
then worried about Peter
who is confiding to C. his
discontent at this small
salary. Of course he lost
ground by the new job which
he failed to get and which would
have put him in comparative
opulence. C. had tea with me
ab 5.30. ^ Read Standard

Read Bishop Barnes before dinner

had dry Martini. Dozed & talked after

Slept well. Up 9.30.

Saturday, February 19

Breakfast 10 o'c, W Crookent

Sent cheque to Clough's [illegible]. W. Virginia Butterworth thanking for primroses in log basket. Up for lunch. And Peter came – had been practising out at range to have his gun adjusted to suit him. I had gone out. Cold day with snow. Up for luncheon feeling less weak. After lunch soon back to bed. Read Times. To rest soon after 3 and slept and dozed till about 6. Ruminated over letter in Times from Lord Quickswood (Lord Hugh Cecil) arguing he says for the first time that a murderer would prefer the painless death of hanging to life imprisonment. C. came in and talked to me while I had tea. W. Forum Club and sent him descriptive material to Mabel Hopkins. 3 from a large dry Martini before dinner with the result that I lay in a stupor from 9-11.30

After tea read 3 [illegible] and letter from Dimmie mostly about Walden Estate nothing about Hadley

Sunday, February 20

Quinquagesima

Slept well & late with intervals of drowsy wakefulness. Up about 9 after being first roused by Egil drawing G's curtains at 8.30. After breakfast read papers including profile in Observer of Helen Keller who was daughter of a gentleman farmer of means who lived in Alabama and had been a Confederate officer. She became deaf & dumb at 19 months and began to be taught by Miss Sullivan before she was seven. Joined G. & P. in sitting room before luncheon and had a glass of Dubonnet. Pleasant luncheon with Peter. Before lunch pasted little photographs of our boyhood on a sheet of paper and fastened it to file of Jimmie's letters. After lunch talked a little to Peter about his business. Talked again with G. in sitting room. Soon after he left I went to rest and slept from 3.45 - 4.45. Tea and read

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Rollo who audits accounts

Slept well and roused as usual Monday, February 21, by Ezekiel drawing C's curtains. Breakfast about 10.30 Spent morning checking my accounts which I finally got right. Park continues snow covered and the weather very cold with terrible conditions in the country. Up for luncheon with C in dining room. Read Times. Plenty of letters to write but lack energy to do anything. Rested 3.45 - 5.30. E. Standard has picture of Cynthia Butterworth for whom Hedriches are giving dance in June. C + I tea together. Hope Carles here for Hedriches Embassy housewarming asked C up but they could not arrange to meet. Dressed + sat by fire etc. I could not make go.

Did some drawing - restful. C. came in and talked to me but my loss of memory irritates her

only disturbed C. trying to write. Made drinks. Back to bed after dinner.

I slept well with extra vivid dreams

Tuesday, February 22

~~Woke~~ early and then slept till 9.30. Conscious

Shrove Tuesday

of a new irritation in upper throat. Letter from Mabel who likes idea of Forum Club. Decided to stay in bed. Parcel arrived from Alfreda of Maple sugar and my drugs! W. Lueck for hair oil. W. Edward Beecham. C. off to lunch wi ladies at C. Robertson. Weather continues cold. Stayed in bed for lunch. Marsalbas steak. W. long letter to Alfreda and went to rest at 3.45 up and tea wi C. who joined me in this room where I have stayed in bed all day with result that my sore throat has practically gone. At lunch C. Robertson told C. something she had heard of Lorenzo's indignation at my Mother dancing. W. Mabel. C. off to meet J. Peters at

Party where T. acts is singing of
Dinner & worked on Crowhurst
accounts wh. prove correct

Late work on Times Crossword puzzle kept me from sleeping very well

Wednesday, February 23

Ash Wednesday

Up 8 o'c. C. talked to me after breakfast about Thetis's concert which evidently did her great credit considering her very bad sore throat. But voices seemed hard and unmelodious. Spent morning in bed writing letter to J. L. H about Barrett estate & Tony in London. Up for luncheon in dining room - but cold affected my throat. Back to bed immediately after and read Times. To rest 3.30. Tea soon after 5 when C. had already gone to tea with Antoinette to meet Hope & Bunny Carter who had flown over from Paris for the [illegible] ball last night. Oliver came in followed by John [illegible] from House of Lords. Read Standard. C. back at 6.30 and told me about it.

Thursday, February 24

G. had bad night - woke at about 3 A.M. with long continued wailing so that I went in and woke her when she seemed in a desperate state and did not know where she was. I took some time to get to sleep again. Finally woke and got up at 8. Felt discouragingly weak but did my usual bath exercises. Lay there a good deal of morning after reading Mirror. G. called up Riefman and asked him to come to see me. Read Times. Up at 12.30. Stripped & weighed 8 stone 7. Dressed for luncheon in dining room. Sat there talking with G. afterwards. Had had another excellent steak which G. shared. Had just moved to drawing room when Dr Riefman called. Long talk. Says my low weight my chief difficulty. Orders Hashecks. Will come again prepared to take blood-count test. Slept. Tea 5.30. G. has gone to see Viola. Read Standard. W. letter by Langan or quill defending Uncle Epes's authorship of Life on Ocean Wave. Pela b

Read Bishop Barnes

Came to dinner wi. G. I had my soup in bed. Petty talked to me after about Story Letters. G. lying down - very good.

Friday, February 25

G. a/ felt still a bit shaken by her antics of last night. She had some of my jewellery. At 12 I had slept late and by 12 had only read D. Mirror and N. Statesman. Seems a little less cold but no sun. Read Then dressed for lunch with Thetis. Talk mostly about her concert and singing until we went into drawing-room when we got on to other subjects. She is splendid looking but getting too fat. Left there at 2.45 and went back to bed. G. told me afterwards that in reply to questions Thetis said she often went out with young men and nice ones — great contrast to Carmen who has much attentions to which she responds but always Bulgarians and bounders and repulsively ugly. To rest 3.45. Slept. Up 5 and dressed as usual above waist enough to sit comfortably in bed. Read Spectator T.L.S. and E. Standard. Dubonnet as usual before dinner. Spent evening turning up sleeves of my undershirts.

Saturday, February 26

Woke early and slept late
Read D. Mirror. Had toast
and marmalade for breakfast
at doctor R's suggestion.
W. Rogers wrote an orchard
book. Paid bills and a-
ctts in Cluskin, J. L. H
M is Irvine & Bately.
C out shopping and
back for lunch together
Read Times and Manchester
C & I had tea together and C.
read me letter received this
P.M. from Louise von Arnheim
frankly, but without blame
stating that she is not on
speaking terms with any
of her family but her
mother who now gives her
a regular allowance.
Up and dressed for dinner
Sewed on shirt not to
interrupt C's writing in
sitting room. Made drinks
After dinner sat w. C. and
then left her to write while

I finished shirt and on an old hole
in elbow of 2nd best grey suit which
I shall soon have to give up

Read Accounts
Bishops Barnes

Sunday, February 27

Quadragesima

Kay awoke early after long frustration dreams. Then slept till 9 A.M. Toast and marmalade again for breakfast and weight increased to 8 stone 10. Read Sunday cheap paper and Observer and then dressed for luncheon and got out sherry and Dubonnet. Weather cold but fairly bright sun. After lunch read Sunday Times and looked at pictures in New Yorker. To rest 3.30 and slept quickly and well until 4.30. Then dozed till 5. Tea with C. in my room. She snarled again. As she regularly does since she carried through Beaumont's compromise in Cunningham-Barker case against my standards, her sense of knowing better than I on all subjects - so different from the old days when she unquestioningly left everything to me. Up and W.H.B.'s before & after dinner. Peter arrived in his new tweed breeches suit driving from Ashby Manor

Monday, February 28

Awake early and long. Dropped off later but did not feel I had had my full of sleep when I got up at 8.15. Had toast + marmalade again with my breakfast. Rang D. Milroy. C. went out to dentist. Lovely sunny day but cold. Mr Hodge's successor at Tmp. Rest. S. MORRIS Called to see me while I was getting up and I received him in my dressing gown. Finished my preparation and went out for work in garden. Two pigeons on stone flags and two yellow crocuses in the grass. Sat in sun of dining-room & read Times. Tel. Tailor that I had been ill but would come for fitting this week. C. home + we had lunch. Tel. Hatfield about first Sat-in: C. in sitting-room. Rested. C. had tea wi. me in my room. Read Standard. C. to see Moyra. Met Jane Howard who used to be wife of Peter Scott M. in 1942. I had milk drink alone. Dinner wi. C. as usual in dining-room. Read William Dean Howells Boys Town up a 8 o'c. Dr Pepman

Tuesday, March 1

called about 10 while I was having breakfast

St. David's Day

and took a specimen for blood count. We talked about Bruce Lockhart. Letter from Marguerite Horton. C. went out to hairdresser. Got up and took my old dressing gown to Davis to be dyed although success cannot be guaranteed. Lovely sunny day. Home read Times. C. came back and we had lunch late - about 1-30. Sat in sitting room and talked about items of news + comment in press. Rested. Up 5.30 Built fire and C. & I ate in sitting room for first time. Noreen came to dinner and I made drinks and got out a bottle of Rhine wine + Creme de Menthe

Talked to M more about Publishers.

Wake at 3.45 with

Wednesday, March 2

such extreme irritation on my legs from knee to ankle that I got up and went to bath room for lanoline that I had first got from Chemist on Chapman's advice. Eczema relieved but hardly slept again. C. went out early to dentist & Peter taking sandwiches. I tel. Pasey about Epstein & Leonard about hair cut appointment. Mr Hatfield called and took away bust of Laws to strengthen stand and tray to repair. Out and had fitting with Watson who says I am his oldest customer. Lunch Ath. Hair cut. Home read Times. C. came home rested. Finished Times. Tea E. Standard. Made drink. Peter came to dinner.

Missed clock and up 7.30

Thursday, March 3

up soon after 9. Out to
dentist and lunch with
Ida & Margery Williams.
Tel. Watson reminding
that I want cuttings of
my suit and asking
about replacing buttons
lost from sleeve of grey
suit. Out to look
for cocktail and wine
glasses. Sunny and not
so cold. Called at
General Trading. Blond
pretty model type of girl.
Quiet and competent
variety. Called at United
Services where I got cock-
tail glasses in early 1940s
but they had nothing.
Luncheon [illegible] + Tottenham
Court Rd. Got Parrock's Food
Phillips and cocktail + wine
glasses Apsley Pellatt. Home read
Times. To rest 3.30. C. came
back & rested 4.30. We had
tea 6 o'c. C. told me about
Ida's new dress that I chose
material Tagmar. Read [illegible]
C. worked on novel & I retired
to my room where I can work at
my desk. This afternoon had tel. Berry
and Dyer. 7 o'c sharpened razors.

Friday, March 4

ups 7.45 — Breakfast in bed & dressed soon after unpacked glasses from Aspley Belfast wh. prove right size. Beautiful glass but a bit heavy. 12 Sherry, 12 Claret. Man from Berry came with wine while I was in kitchen. Davis's returned cleaned Carpet wh. they will lay next week. Letter of thanks for glass candlesticks from Deirdre. C out to dentist and on to lunch with Ruth Lee. I wrote Bill re cheque for stockings not a match. Out — lunched Trevor Arms. Fresh salmon sandwiches fricassee lemon sauce of chicken. Crepes! when I got home. Pleasant day. W. Pauline Wilks. Not very good sandwiches Trevor Arms. Crepes at home. Read Times. Rested. Had in mind to get up early and go to see Epstein with result that I did not sleep. Tea C.

To see Epstein first - he was out
make drawings

After dinner music
Accounts

Saturday, March 5

up 8.15. Dressed as soon as I had finished breakfast and read Daily Mirror out to tailors and found them just closing at 12 M. but got buttons I needed to replace missing ones on sleeve of better gray suit. Then to Pax Wa & got Stilton Cheese. Then bus to Brompton Road and got grapes Mont-pelier St. Walk home thro' hole in wall. Foreign news poster in South Block. Pete here for lunch. Had been to get his gun now adjusted. Gave him 6 old worn glasses discarded by our new ones. Read Times. Rested. Tel. Epstein. No reply. Tea. Built fire. Then as usual left G. working on her novel. W. Crowhurst suggesting £4. for four days. Made drinks. Listened to news after dinner. Sewed missing buttons on gray coat. To bed 11.30

Wake up to white snow
over Sunday, March 6 everything
soon melting. Breakfast
in dining room. 2nd Sunday in Lent
Slight-Throat irritation.
W. Miss Wilkinson merely
thanking for advice about
Spey Letter. W. Miss Fisher
S.P.S. Alumni Secy deploring
their demands for large
subscriptions. Peter came
to lunch and got out drinks
W. Ellen Liddell wi Cheques
for S.P.S To rest 3.30
And slept so deeply that it was
difficult for one to get up
at 6. Tea wi C.
Confused name Plato with
Pliny in quoting where letter
in S. Times on Leeks had
a name for it - which a
correspondent - traces to Pliny's
reference to Greek name for
leeks. Looked up Courtenays
and Cavendishes in Burke.
Courtenays had Devonshire title
in 1214 Cavendishes in 1618
Drinks. Dinner. Music
& read papers.

No traces of snow but
Cold. Monday, March 7 D. Mirror
full of Princess Margaret
and Peter Townsend. Men
from Davis's putting down
cleaned hall carpet. Day
of cold and sleet. My
throat is not quite right
so I have stayed in.
C. went out. I have
written to David Huntington
suggesting indirectly that
he goes back to banking.
C. back for luncheon late
says awful day of sleet &
cold. After lunch read Times
Rested up 5 o'C & Aunt fix
Peter to tea and then he & C.
went to Maurice's birthday party.
Earle Balch called on us back
from Persia. Peter came
back to dinner. I spent
evening working on
Embassy accounts. C.
writing his novel.

Called up Balch 9 o'c and

Tuesday, March 8

arranged for him to come for cocktails tomorrow about six. Invited Alvara Liem Ramunsdahl and Harold Nicolson. Carpet cleaners cleaning dining room. C- called off cleaning my carpet because I demurred at expense. W. S. Times Editor about "Life on Ocean Waves" Reed further letter on subject from Lanyon Orgill. Rested after brief luncheon in sitting room because of smell of cleaners. Tea who started stir out of humour about cleaning my room and then talked about Princess Margaret on the D. Miera interviews re Peter Townsend. Re: Baylew Epstein ill with bronchitis. Made quick dry Martinis. After dinner news. Read Times. Worked till 12 m on Amberley accounts

Woke at 5 A.M. and

Wednesday, March 9

could not get to sleep
again. Up at 8.15
Ground covered with
snow. Read D. Mirror.
Further mention of Peter
Townsend but no news
from any English source
Spent morning on Amberley
accounts which I find
very difficult. Out 1.15
in No. 9 Bus to St Martins
Church. Lunch at Public
House Upper St Martins Lane
Mrs Palli's closed and
empty. Bought grapes.
Bus to Piccadilly Circus
Bought cheese. No. 9 bus
home. Very cold day of wind
& sleet with gleams of sun
C had lunch C. Wyndham
Mrs Herbert, Lady Cromer
Lady Lascelles Mrs Shakerley
Cust Keith Lady Howe.
Bristow. Maurice came
for cocktails to meet
Butler on his way home from Greece.
It had luncheon wi! Rosa Lewis.
after dinner. Amberley accounts.

C. says she will publish Mrs Salmis
anonymously Accounts

wake 7 slept again

Thursday, March 10

wakened by Ergie drawing C's curtains. Breakfast 10.30 Spent morning on Amberley accounts. Brief walk in garden bitterly cold with snatches of wintry sun. Met Phyllis Whitworth who came in front door as I came in from garden. Pleasant luncheon with her and C. She said Allan Wade had recently spoken of Clelap's play with praise. More work on Amberley accounts before and after rest and tea. Read Times & E. Standard before & after dinner. Drinks before. Spent evening on Epes Sargent letters to S. Times topped by Peter Smith,

Up 8. Breakfast 9.45
Friday, March 11
Cold sunless day. Paid
Boss for gun case &
cleaners that Peter has
recently got. W. Rogers
about Amberley ~~Cannes~~.
Tel Epstein he is well
enough to have Jam to his
studio. Tel. Adeline for more
clothes. Tel. Apsley for bill for
glasses. Tel. Hampton about
Amberley house & cottage
this summer. G. out for
a bit of shopping. W. Mabel
Hopkins Phyllis Whitworth
recommends Dragon Ho. club
After lunch to Mrs Pallis. She
has given up her business but
still lives above ~~shop~~. Out
through garden bought grapes
stamps salve for elbows a
big envelopes. Home by bus.
Rested. Tea w. G. Read Times
Started letter to Blanche von
Arnim - Made drinks. Dinner
news. Finished long letter to
Blanche who has broken her hip

Saturday, March 12

woke while it was still dark with severe eczema itching. Up & got salve which relieved it but did not sleep again and felt tired all morning. Tel. Leonard who cannot cut my hair today but made appointment for Monday. W. Crawhurst who agrees to £4. for 4 days. C & I walked to Brompton Road through hole in wall. She saw her tailor about dark grey suit. I got Pears soap & Castor oil. Home lunch. Read Times Rested. C & I tea. Read E. Standard. Worked on Amberley accounts Made drinks. After dinner built fire. Listened to news. Worked on Amberley accounts and finally seem to have got them

Waked night. Bed 12.30

Pleasant morning. up 7.45

Sunday, March 13

3rd Sunday in Lent

Made 2nd draft which seems
particularly nice if a little
too much like one of
previous Country draft. Read
papers. My Epis Sargent letter
naturally out in S. Times.
Peter had expected to come at 10.30
but Brian arrived from
America first after a good
flight. Charming photographs
of family. Afraid not much
[illegible]. Peter came in time to
see Brian before he went out
to lunch with Ralph Bunche
and Walt Whitman. Peter
a little later went to lunch with
Antonia Pakenham taking me
in his car as far as V+A and
I walked home in sunshine for
the exercise. G. + I lunch.
Read papers. Resting. Peter had
come in and took Brian to see
the Faucetts and Jansens.
G. + I had tea. Brian came in and
went to rest. Bunche + Whitman
too tired to come for drink.
Amberley accounts. Made
drinks. Brian + Peter to
dinner. Gave Peter ½ bottle
of whisky to drink with
Van Romer who is distraught
at death of infant son. Peter left
soon after dinner. B. went to see
C. Jansen. C. + I tried to smell his bed.

Farm. draft Accounts

Brian called at 7.30. I was awake

Monday, March 14

but did not get up till 8.15. when I heard him telephoning and talking to Eggie at breakfast. Thought he was talking to G. but she did not get up to see him off. Sunny day cold but little or no wind. Letter from Catharine for G. & me. She chiefly complaining that by helping Tymmie they are making it possible for him to refuse my offer & keep up no place to sell at my death. Out, & had hair cut and got gin at Berry's. G. did not go out. We had luncheon and read Times and then worked till 3.45 on accounts. Rested. Up 5.30 to see G. She went to dress and I started to build the fire. It was a little after six and Charles Tansey arrived. G. came back dressed and then young [illegible] and Fawcetts came. No sign of Brian so I made dry Martinis. Then Peter came and chatted about Y. Brian and [illegible] Walt Whitman. Dinner at 7.30

She went wi. us to dinner John Maggies where other guest had failed. John drove us home. G. had [illegible] just [illegible] there.

Tuesday, March 15

Brian came back from dining out. Waked me after Jo had gone to bed, and talked very tired Mrs A. [illegible] when he started talking on telephone at 7.30. He said goodbye at 8.45. & feeling shaky after that night but went out at 11.30 to hair dresser. L w. Maude Royden and Patience Hanbury. Col luncheon. She feels better. Studied patterns for her dark grey coat and skirt. To club. Tea 5.30. To see Epstein but saw only his lady as having a meeting about reopening of his bank. She would like to come with him to lunch at H. Th. Annexe but on telephoning when I got home find they are away over Sunday. L w. Charles Scott Moss dined. After dinner read E. Standard ~~[illegible]~~ news. Struggled over accounts until midnight

Breakfast 10.30 C. out

Wednesday, March 16

to dentist appointment and
luncheon Cinema. Tel
Epsteins no Sth. Annexe
luncheons on Sunday.
W. Rogers of Canon [illegible]
worked on accounts. out
and had lunch. Att at 1.45
looked up Crosbie peerage
(Mercedes' matter) Barony of
Brandon extinct in 1832
Viscountcy of Crosbie and
earldom of Glandore extinct
in 1815. To Brompton Road
in 96 bus & got grapes and
things at [illegible]'s the Chemist
Walked home through South
black. Rested 4.40 to 5.40
Tea 6. Bevan deprived of
whip by narrow margin
Labour Party breaking up.
W. Marguerite Horton.
telling her of Crosbie peerages
Made drinks. After dinner
news. Worked on accounts
going better except for my
hypothetical mistakes, which
are hard to find

Woke 7-30 feeling quite
afire. Thursday, March 17 Letter
from Sunday Times Mag-
azine inviting my Comments on St. Patrick's Day
saying Mr Correspondence
about about Life on Ocean
Wave. W. Cooper photograph
for Royal Naval College
Started draft letter to Alfreda
about Hadley. Prue
Norman to lunch. Talked
religion she is an ardent
Anglican. Worked on
Amberley accounts now
going quarterly. Prue &
C. talked together. C. & I meant
I went to see Epstein but after
waiting endlessly in bus
queues could not get in
because young [illegible] and he
had appointments. Now queues.
When I got back found that C.
had an attack of vertigo
in street on way to Moiras
helped back by Mrs Beckley
& porter whom she recovered
fairly soon. Peter to dinner.
I left him talking w. C.
He came to say goodnight and

I dropped passages on marriage - worked
till 12.15

wake 4.30 and could
not sleep again
Friday, March 18
up 7.10. Breakfast-9
Tel Peggy who has not
received acknowledgement of
[illegible] from E. papers. W. +
copied letters to E. W Alfreda
+ copied. C. + I in car
to lunch wi' Roger Luffrack
and Maggie in the old
cottage. They are furnishing
with great rather fancier
taste in Hampstead. Maggie
cooked lunch. She is
charming and sweetly simple
but very much the professional
al mount artist. Back.
by Miles + Miles Car again.
C + I rested. Amberley
Accounts after reading
papers. Full of Yalta
revelations still. Made
drinks. After dinner news
Then Amberley accounts
till 12.30. Shall be
glad when they are finished
I am now up to 1954

up 7.30 Breakfast 9.

Saturday, March 19

Worked on accounts. G & I out. She got flowers in Ennismore Street and I got grapes at Petts. Met Alec Gainsborough on my way. Peter & Ida Darrell here when we got back. Sherry & Dubonnet. Peter brought his gun for us to see. They had filled the stock very cleverly with grain going crosswise making the effective finish. G had arranged for him to bring girl engaged to a [illegible] that her father is ill or has died and her mother has gone to Norway or wherever he was and she is to work in morning. G. loves a love affair & eggs Peter on. Worked on accounts. Rushed G. to the Viols. Tea alone. Read papers. G. came back depressed Viols hopeless. Drinks. Dinner News. Accounts. Bed 12.30

up 8 o'c. Breakfast 10 o'c.

Sunday, March 20

4th Sunday in Lent

Read papers. C. found my bath tap running. W. letter to Miss Cook about typing Amberley accounts. Read papers. Brief walk in garden. Tried as so often to decide on a place where only iris stylosa now on bank sloping to basement might bloom. C. & I Italian [illegible] before luncheon. Afterwards read Crossman on Israel practically alone fronting against Americans and British armed enemies, in New Statesman. Rested. Tea. Tel. Freda accepting for Wednesday. Bach lecture by Dr. Jacques. Pd. bill for stationery. Accounts. Made drinks & C. dressing when Peter arrived with Karen Reid whom he had taken to Amberley. They seem to be having a serious affair and she is engaged to be married in April. It all appeals to C. but I don't like it:- Peter may be unwise. He has been pretty [illegible]

up 9.30 after good night-
seems well Monday, March 21 sunny
day. C. had slight giddy turn
and lay down on my bed
but got up all right. Saw
Paliti dressmaker about
a new evening dress. In afternoon
I worked on accounts
C. & I out - through gardens
to see Robert tailor in
Brompton Rd. about her grey
grey coat & skirt like Alfreda's
I went to florist and also
about bill of Paradise flowers
that they have supplied to
urn down in the hall
under their contract - Back
late to lunch. Read Times
afterwards. Tired. Up
Tea w. Peter. C. went
to get ready to go to Monro's
and I asked him about
Karen Lund and he said
he meant to marry her and
that soon. I deplored it. He
went w. C. to Monro's
and quite engaged it. He
stayed to dinner and I left
him w. C. afterwards. He

came to say good night and I
advised them to wait
accounts

Up 7.15. Breakfast 9.

Tuesday, March 22

Talk C. about Peter. Out & bought Emmenthal Cheese at Paxton's for C's luncheon tomorrow - 14 bus to Green's & ordered Athlete's Foot spirit & salve for eczema bought Air Mail postage, Carbon paper at Potts. Payment for blotting paper & got Peter's [illegible] for C. & Enquired Dawes about my [illegible] garden. Home. Wrote Pleydell about my hope that Mr [illegible] would try to place Marguerite's book needs some modest publisher. After lunch read Times. Accounts till 3.40 Rested. Tea and frank and amicable talk with C. about Peter. Worked on accounts. Made strong gin & tonics. After dinner radio and then accounts till 11-30 when C. came in and told me that Peter has telephoned Karen has refused him after deliberately leading him on

C. qualified sympathy but great relief

Up 7.30 Sharpened razors
Breakfast 9.30

Wednesday, March 23

Worked on Amberley accounts
C. went out to get flowers
I at McFall who thinks that
first cast of Harley's bust
a failure and is being
done again on Epstein's
advice. C. came back 12.40
and I went out. meeting first
C. Wyndham and then C. Robertson
both battling against wind.
I left Bishop Barnes' book
at London Library and
had lunch Athenaeum. Looked
up Bath 1685–1750 and
Seale Milan 1778. ordered
Ann Berry. Saw Hyde-Hampton
Hams. C's guests very pleasant
Mrs Herbert - Lady Cromer
Lady Alice Cates. C. Wyndham
C. Robertson. Ricketts Tea
Freda Barbara Freyberg, Ivan
Alexander Virginia Thesiger
Duncan Grantly, Dr Jacques et al.
To Bath [illegible] in car with Virginia
Home Peter to dinner. Accounts
Peter more use good. He moved
Hall stairs so as to show all of tapestry

Talk w C about Peter as
Thursday, March 24
I undressed 1-1-30. Up 9
Letter fr. Mrs C. granting 1/6
per p. for top & Garrod 1/7
Amberley accounts. Worked
on accounts till 12-30. C & I
went out together, she to
lunch w/ Regina Thesiger
I w. Celia Coates, Bob
Freda, Claddie & Evelyn
Wyndham. Thought Bob
was his father so old
and big. Home moved
one of Venetian negro pages
to opp side of hall.
C. came back before I went
to rest. Up and tea 6 o'c
Read Times. Worked on
accounts before dinner
Drinks. C heard from
Peter that [illegible]
has sent him a volume
of Chekhov's stories. TV was
[illegible]. Watched talk
on [illegible] came across

Good night. Slept straight
through 12.30 – 7
up at 7.30. Settled down

Friday, March 25

QUARTER DAY (*Lady Day*)

on annuity accounts
quietly after breakfast
C. went out to Dr Coates and
then to luncheon with Freda
I went out at 1.30. Lunch
at Newport St Pub. To see
Mrs Palli up in her flat as
she has given up her shop
and is selling off her stock
To bus to Greens and got
my athlete-foot salve and
aspirin. Home 4 o'c. On my
way out I had given road-
sweeper 2/6. Rested. C
came in later and we had
tea together at 6. No
evening papers owing to
strike. Accounts. Made
drinks Peter to dinner and
spent evening drinking
whisky and being comforted by
C. I listened to News and as
usual did my patience etc
[illegible]. Finished Annuity
accounts up to 1955

Saturday, ~~March 26~~

Jan 15

up 7.50. Peter came whilst we were at breakfast on his way to shoot at Amberley, driving down with Stephen. The Saxon girls asked to be taken to the Casanova last night & Peter had to join wh. cost him 5.5.0 which made up to him. C. had a call by Virginia and told her how Peter had been stung, which upset me when I afterwards did that upset C. [illegible]. Dressing about 5 patten, also lunch. Call W. Crowhurst. Tel. Virginia and she swore she would not tell Talbots about the Casanova. To McFall's and saw bust of Hadley in plaster. He gave me drink of Austrian spirit which he brought back from Tyrol. Home lunch. Read Times after. Tea 6 o'c. Worked up accounts. Made drinks for C. as well as myself. She is feeling much better, her cough is looser and her muscular influenza pains are subsiding. Called up Cose Hotel but no news of Stephanie who telegraphed yesterday that she was arriving by air. Tell Peter but no answer.

accounts after dinner Bed 12.30

Sunday, March 27

5th Sunday in Lent

No papers because of strike
of electricians. Up 8.20
Read book about Anna
Coen Mayatt at breakfast.
A great deal about Uncle
E—ps. Spent morning
working out cost of
Amberley 1953-4, 1026 &
£2030. Got out sherry &
Dubonnet. Peter W— [illegible]
quite cheerful. He took me
as far as his flat & his
car and I walked home. Cold
but dry. Passed house where
doors and windows [illegible]
up. Clementine Bell called
up and asked C. if she knew
if flat was let for 6 weeks in
early summer & C. suggested
that C. coming to lunch to
see it next Wednesday. Rested
but could not sleep. [illegible]
C. has sore throat and is
taking M&B tablets. Alfred
sent for one. W. [illegible] Clark
sending my Amberley accounts
to be approved. Drinks. After
dinner [illegible] & read Anna Clara

Up 8.15 No happies

Monday, March 28

spent morning typing letter Harry Chapin who took uncle Epes photograph + Jacob More A.C. Chapin denies any knowledge of any such person and 20 dolls drawn C + I to lunch. C. Wyndham Lady Dorothy Meynell. Mark and Claudius Dockley Bus home. Rested. Tea C to see Viola Meynell and I to see Epstein. Caught him in street with a young N.Y. Art dealer. He says he must pay his Atty. subscription name [illegible] with N.Y. stories for Girard income tax. C. home depressed by V's condition Drinks. After dinner. Read Anna Cora.

Woke 5:30 up 8.15. C. still

Tuesday, March 29

has breakfast every morning
in bed. She went out early
to hairdresser, luncheon &
films. Tel P.O. put [illegible]
Cannot find Harry Coopers address
Tel. Parry at Ath. & he will
send me Parker's letter for
Epstein to sign. W. Coutts
of C. [illegible] about my N.Y shares
[illegible] past each [illegible]
Harry Coopers in telephone book
trying to find the one who
photographed Uncle Eppie to
have an enlargement made
for Royal Marines [illegible]
N.A.A.C. Out to Ch. X back
for cash then lunch at Palmer
bought stamped p.c's. at P.O.
then bought grapes & ugly
fruit. I was home 2 hours
C. got back from her films
just as I was getting up and
she went to rest. Tea and
read Anna Karen. Made drink
Manero to dinner. Spent evening

Venetian [illegible]

trying to get the money [illegible] on [illegible] of death

woke early and looked at
my clock

Wednesday, March 30

with
the light up and I thought it
was about 6 when it was
about 9. Breakfast 11.
Percy reads that he has heard
from Epstein that he is paying
his Athenaeum dues. C. g[oes]
out to Chiropodist at
Howards and Chiese. She
ordered flowers in Rutland
news and I went out and
brought them back and put
the tulips in sugar with
stems clipped and then into
water. I rolled my hair
and got wet. Sherry.
Clementine Buck to luncheon
She looked at a flat which
she might like to take. She
talked about Jews and said
that Alfred minds but she does
not at all. Tel. Paul Hall about
Pelleas & we go to. Florence. Was
dead Friday. Tel. A. Hampton about
that Clementine has consulted Meyer
and I have consulted Fields. [illegible]
Tea. C. read me passage in her book

about [illegible] party. Very good
[illegible]

Slept well. Up. 8.15.

Thursday, March 31

C's cold subsiding. Threw
away and sorted catalogues
etc from hall table. W.
Aunt Phyllis, & Nicholas
about McFall's failure but
good end of Hadley's bust:
C. has had her Paris
seamstress put new covers
on easy chairs in sitting
room. I chose them and
put them to darkening
out for brief walk in garden
sunny but cold. After
lunch read Anna Cora. C.
went to rest early and then
had a call from Dr Czato
about her sore mouth and
her giddiness and then she
went to tea with Lady Cromer.
I went to rest at 3.30: woke
and saw C off at 5. I had
tea and then worked on
Hadley accounts. C. came
back w. Lady C's book and
word about a Ms. of hers.

drinks. Della to dinner. Spent evening on Anna Cora

Woke 7 Dozed 7.30. Break-
fast 9.

Friday, April 1

No papers
except Spectator & N.S.
Dr Csato is prescribing
Vitamins for C's gradual-
pain in abdo. Pd 4th City
H. £62.10.0. W. p.c. to only H.
Cooper who replied to my 7 p.c.
W. 2 Photographic samples
to Marshall Dodge. S.P.S.
out and bought stamps
grapes and drugs (Greens)
also green blotting paper for
my desk. C came back
for 1.30 lunch. Rug and
paintings arrived from
Palermo,—rather in con-
gruous in 'London but
suitable for Amberley and
intrinsically good. C. & I
rested. Tea. Considered rugs
C. to see Viola. I read Anna
Cora. Made drinks. C. found
Viola returning to Beckham
more than ever depressed and
convinced of her hopelessness.
After dinner read New Statesman

Saturday, April 2

Up early. No papers. Bank statements and cancelled cheques from Westminster and Lloyds. Letter fr. Marguerite Norton with MS. on Visitor from outer planet. Out and bought cheese Emmenthal at Pax Hu. for Ryder and ordered tea at Jacksons for Amberley House. C. out late. Luncheon 1.30. Sunny cold day. Read Anna Cora. C. to dist. and out to see Viola early. I later and longer but very just as she was leaving. (see previous page). C. presented with Pannino bag. Our rather modern just - lets front vestibule. C. home late. Viola returning to Caithness for Easter and probably permanently. She feels she cannot impose herself any longer on the Sowerbys. Dusted when C. came home and read Anna Cora after dinner.

up late. Cold rainy day.
Read Anna Sunday, April 3 Cora at
breakfast. W. Diary.
Peter arrived at 11.30 Palm Sunday
and stayed luncheon with
Alfred and Clementine.
They will take flat for
six weeks from June
at 30 gns per week thro'
Hamptons and 10 gns each.
They were very cordial
and urged us to come to
Ireland. Clementine had been
over flat when she came
and Alfred went over it
today. They left before
4 and Peter followed
soon after. C. to Trentie.
Tea 6 o'c. I put away
accounts typed by Miss
Cook. Made accounts.
After dinner. W. Margarets
Stenton about her fellow-
infantry visitor. Paid Miss
Cook. Finished reading Anna
Cora. Ending very sad with
uncle Epes at her bedside
To bed at 1 o'c.

Up 7.30 Breakfast 9.

Monday, April 4

Still no papers. Tel Hampton about letter flat to Bits. Took pictures just arrived from Lorenzo Theo' Coates, to Dixon for cleaning. On to Percy St. and looked at materials to cover Queen Ann chairs. Got grapes in St Martin's Lane. Pleasant young furniture Patricia named for her [illegible]. Home late for lunch & later after trying on ties dark grey coat and skirt following Alfreda. Discussed permanence of furs. Tel Hatfield to hold bust & mahogany tray. To rest 4 o'c. Slept till. Tea 6 o'c. G. had both easy [illegible] Carried wi my material for suits and they look very well. Made drinks Peter to dinner. He had luncheon wi Gerald Barry and saw John at Carrick & Talked about plan to re-build Barbican. W. Mabel

Mild grey day. Up 7 o'c.
Called up

Tuesday, April 5

Emp. Liab.
Ins. about C's fur & Harrods
Called up Hy. Smith for the
Money to come to see about
painting. Still no papers and
today no post. Took glass
sconce to Hatfield to be re-
glued to back. Looked at
tapestry material for Queen Anne
Chair Seats at Maples. To
Harrods & returned Anna Cora
& suspended C's subscription.
Bought stamps and looked
at tapestry patterns. Had got
Semolina at Jacksons to try for
breakfast. Home C. lunched
in. Gladys Robertson & Shappers
Made out envelopes for Staff
Easter Servants. Rested. Up 5.30
C up soon after and Peter to tea
Brought news that Churchill
has resigned. Great crowds in
Downing Street and along route
to Palace, Peter driving with
Dick Talbot. Tel. to Rita
Smith who is typing C's novel
Madame Solario and Marguerite
Hortons Interplanetary Visitor
Drinks before dinner D. Barrett after

Wednesday, April 6

Hilary Law Sittings end

Tel. St James's Court confirming
6 o'c appointment to see Percy
Lubbock. Tel Sqy. Smith about
painting in flat which we saw
at Kimberley. Started packing
my second suit case. Out
and got 4 Kimberley return
tickets at Coates in Holborn
and got 4 crystal buttons for
C. in Bloomsbury Court. Got
clean notes at Westminster
Bk & for R. H. Staff tips.
Home lunch out and got
fine nails in Montpelier St to
mend my mounting on Venetian
blinds, and looking for Queen Anne
chair seat at Monroe. To
rest early and up 7.30 after
a good sleep. Tea with C. did
with Percy Lubbock in
St J. Court Buckingham Gate.
He has grown very bulky. His
old housekeeper was there
and his niece Lady Cunliffe
we talked about old friends.
Home. C. had been to say
goodbye to Monroe. Listened to —

and 9 radio news after dinner

Glasses of [illegible] to Queen [illegible]

Thursday, April 7

Maundy Thursday

up 6.45 — Mr Harvey of Hy Smith called 7.15 and I showed him bath rooms to be painted and dining room for alteration. Tel. [illegible] to grain mahogany window pelmet in my room. Tel. Maud [illegible] Easter Greeting. Took P's clock to Cameron Cass to have hands synchronised. To Berry for wines & spirits. Had got up my second [illegible] case from box bin in basement and gave Major Baker Easter Envelopes for staff. P.J. Putnam for Anna [illegible]. Signed receipt for Emp. [illegible] ins rebate on furs at Harrods. G & I lunched down in restaurant. I finished packing and waited for Peter but he crept in w[illegible] and got [illegible] without my knowing it. Telephoned to him & he came round again and took my case of spirits. G & I followed in 5 o'c train. He met us at Amberley. I could not find key of wine cupboard

[illegible] taken [illegible] as new

[illegible] penalty after [illegible] [illegible] cats
[illegible] to bed early. I [illegible]

Friday, April 8

Good Friday

Bed cold as usual first night
Up 7.45 and tended
kitchen fire successfully.
Unlimited hot water.
Breakfast 9. Took my old suit
out to Charley who was with
Peter as he cleaned his car. Out
to studio and removed pads
from Sterling's pseudo painting
of John Gay. Lovely warm
spring day but all vegetation
very backward. S. had been
down in the road and had
talked to Mrs Kirk. Her brother
with Peter. The Bishop and
Mrs Cooper back fr. S. Africa.
To rest early. Slept deeply
up and tea 5.30 Peter at
Wrights. T.S. Crowhurst
about new bath room in
cottage, which Mrs Kirk says
that Separate does not keep. –
Paid bills. Kept good fire in
sitting room. Peter back.
Made drinks. After dinner news
and revised draft of letter to
Barrett about Studley. Worked
on kitchen boiler fire as usual

Saturday, April 9

up at seven with the result that bath water was boiling. Another beautiful spring day. Breakfast with Peter 9 o'c. Gave Mr Plummer my old iron gray coat and waistcoat. W. long letter to Barrett copying and revising draft. Out for brief walk on lawn before luncheon. Worked on letter to Barrett until after 4. Rested. Tea 6. Peter laid big rug from Roderick's in N. room and Helen's purple rug in left. Great improvement in bath room. Worked on copy of letter to Barrett before and after dinner. Dummy before. Radio news after. Edward made up better fire. Weather colder today than yesterday but sleeting. [illegible] and [illegible] in village street. Seem to be developing sore throat.

Sore throat worse but up

Sunday, April 10

Easter Day

7 o'C and made up boiler fire. Had started taking [illegible] Anahist tablets before breakfast and kept them up every 3 hours. — C. took serious [illegible] for [illegible] and blamed me bitterly for putting coal on fire — no exposure in hot kitchen. Felt pretty miserable but gradually better. Dozed all morning. Only toast and milk for luncheon + grapes. Spent afternoon helping [illegible] with his [illegible] [illegible] for Wright's party [illegible]. Effie did my [illegible] and [illegible] socks in [illegible] again. I tried to make things but could not get them finished and Effie fixed them up with [illegible] and a [illegible] stuff. Soup, custard + grapes for dinner and dozed most of evening. C. gave me lovely little Easter egg [illegible] this machine & [illegible]

came up to see me. after dinner

3 o [illegible] & [illegible]

Monday, April 11

Easter Monday

Felt much better this A.M. after taking Anahist regularly. Breakfast in Q's room while Mrs. Peters made my bed. Re-read letter to Barrett which Peter posted. W. letter for him to Mrs. Talbot who has had him to dinner. It is a lovely day - best Easter holiday for years. Enjoyed eight [illegible] and felt much better. To rest - slept after 3. Tea 5:30. W. Alfred Fleet. Q. sorting linen. Peter has gone to Cowdray. Worked on my accounts for March. Q. made me a Martini cocktail. Soup and grapes for dinner. Peter got back a bit drunk at quarter to nine after Q. but had dinner. He had good time and people asked them to parties in London & the country for next week. I worked on accounts all the evening and did not finish till midnight —

woke 5 o'c. and dozed till

Tuesday, April 12

7 when I got up and shaved. Kitty came in to say goodbye and left about 7.45. I tried to sleep after that and then went into C's room for breakfast about 9. W. Dr Stewart who is laid up with an accident at Ellen Kettell's suggestion also an Easter card to Ellen who has had a serious attack of some sort. I am having mucous in nose and throat and C. has telephoned to Dr. Venables. W. Miss Wilkinson to try to supply Mr Coutts with evidence that the Palace shares I used to see were rec'd in lieu of salary or bonus. W. Mr Coutts to this effect. Light luncheon and no beer. To rest early as doctor might come. Did not draw curtains but slept & dozed till six. Mrs L. brought tea. Dr V. did not come. Dozed before and after

dinner. Shaved C. only dressing lower

water. Dressing of 2 cut + an sola Marie Tables

Slept [illegible] took a [illegible] tablet

Wednesday, April 13

[illegible] tablet-
making / every three hours for 72
More [illegible] but less pain
in frontal region also nose
kept warm and dozed all
morning. Dr V. came 12 o'c
Does not think attack serious
This boy entered for S. Africa
and then graduated a M.D.
& 2 of his 3 sons are doctors
After lunch sent my letter
to Barrett for Mrs Temple to
copy. Paid Elleray. Rested.
Tea Friars Balsam. G.
sorting her linen which has
become a profession. I
worked on account trying
to find error of 9s. Had
a little roast chicken for
dinner. Worked on account
after. G. sat with me and
told me radio news of the
newspaper strike it appears
that a Committee has issued
a whole paper and there is to
be a meeting of of the parties at
Ministry of Labour. Took [illegible]

Thursday, April 14

Woke to brilliant sunshine 7.30 Shaved bath inhaled, had breakfast in 'C's room. Received ballots and voted for Harvard overseers–directors etc. including Eliot Putnam. W. Mayor Baker to admit Hy Smith & Mrs Moore for decorating. C. came up to see me and telephoned to Rogers about taxes. Dozed till luncheon chicken and meringue and grapes. Studied Alfreda's letter about Wally. I am going to send her a typed copy of my letter to Barrett. W. P. C. to Mayor Baker about decorations by Hy Smith & Miss Moore whom he can admit. Rested 3.30 – 5.30. Read New Yorker and letters. After dinner C. came up to see me. No particular news about newspaper strike. Wrote for the tickets for Peter Fancy which I do not [illegible] in here for his

Elizabethans Rarely. Original story [illegible]

Warm Wind [illegible]

Slept well but when I woke at
7 or 8 I was Friday, April 15 conscious
of more congestion of mucous
in bronchial region probably
due to colder weather. Did
not feel so well but did
get to admit it to E. Notice
fr. Ministry of Housing that
Oaktree cottage included in list
of buildings of architectural or
historical importance. Breakfast
as usual in E's room. Looked at
New Statesman, thinks Labour
has a chance of election.
Public has no great faith in
Eden. Macmillan Salisbury
seems all right. [illegible]
E. came up to [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] on V.E. A. Butler [illegible]
came up and sat with me
—6.45. Peter arrived before
dinner. I did not feel well enough
to eat more than a little milk
toast. Peter came up and
helped me get to bed as I felt very
weak.

Woke 6 o'c feeling better again. I slept till

Saturday, April 16

8 when I got up etc and shaved. Felt weak but less so than last night. Breakfast in C's room. Letter from Marguerite. Sent cheques to Emp. Ltd., also cheque sable fur refund which at Harrods to bank. Paid Plummers & Tabor room rates. Dr Venables called, talked to him about Peppers. He thinks I am going on all right. Luncheon of a little spaghetti and spinach, a glass of milk & some grapes. A little [illegible] in the [illegible] that I coughed up. Read Spectator and C. came up and sat with me and I talked about it. Seems to be brighter. It has been quite a lovely day. Dr Venables asked to be introduced to McKenty and C. took him over. There seems to be musical life at Pulborough. He came to [illegible] again this afternoon. Rested but did not sleep. After tea & dinner worked on. Thanks for Peter. C. sat with me. Felix at a dance

Sunday, April 17

Low Sunday

Another bright but cold Spring day. Coughed up a great deal of purulent mucous probably due to the very strong Friar's Balsam I inhaled yesterday. Peter came back from his dance at 3 A M. He tried on the trunks I am making while he was dressing. He took C. for a drive on Downs instead of her going to church and then he went to cocktails with Ronnie for dear Emmet saw Money Crufts. C. came up and sat with me after lunch. Evelyn was at Ronnie's party and said C. had not spoken to her for 20 years. My coughed up [illegible] of [illegible] – evidently blood. Could not sleep. Peter went to Annie's party where they did not play tennis but cocktails. F. & G. brought me some old Times and I worked on cross word puzzles. No appetite for dinner

G. came up to sit with me late

Monday, April 18

Peter left at 7.30 or so taking [illegible] for a day in London. Mr Lenner [illegible] I am still coughing blood but I hope less. Received fr Ruth Smith Marguerite's story An Inexplicable Visitor & wrote her returning it & also my letter to Barrett re typed copy which I am sending to a friend. Weather sunny but cold. W. Mrs Russell for Cold Cream. Virginia Butterworth called up G. and they had a long talk. Ordered paper from Stanley. Dr Reynolds called when I was having lunch. He took my bloody sputum calmly but whether he considers it serious I do not know. Roger has been cutting lawn. G. sat with me. Rereading TEN. Drafted reply to letter received today from Geneva. Bread & milk for dinner. After read Lady Cromer's memories ch. Os

G. came up & sat reading me

Emilie G. called

Woke 6 o'c. and then thought about alterations to my letter to Beaverbrook and then slept again. Up 8.30

Tuesday, April 19

Primrose Day *Easter Law Sittings begin*

Again no bath. Breakfast in Q's room. Started at once copying first draft of my letter to Beaverbrook with revision and improvements. Sunny bright day but still cold. Viola to lunch w. Q. but feebler and more incapacitated and curiously unable to enjoy the considerable strength that remains. After lunch Q. came up to see me. Sybil Lucas's husband is dead. I am much better with only slight throat & sputum. Sent letter to and from Beaverbrook to be typed. Rested. Mrs Kemper brought tea. Q. came to see me. Read Lady Cromer — [illegible] of the afternoon. Temp just below normal. Bread & milk again for dinner.

Q. came up to see me again; my throat almost well. Read Lady Cromer's book. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Another bright cold day.

Wednesday, April 20

No more [illegible] the cons in throat. Tel. Rita Smith 9.15 but no reply. Want her to omit from letter to Genevieve par. about her taking charge of expenses. No reply. G. up to Hampden 10.10 wearing garnet coat & skirt and my garnet brooch. Called up Rita Smith 11 o'c but again no reply. Wr. draft letter to [illegible] to go with [illegible]. Dr. Venable called at 12.30 and I talked to him about Viola. He says that probably her disease will never catch up on her. She will die of something else first. Luncheon of egg, rice pudding & grapes. Lr. Rita Smith enclosing letter to A. for typing. To W. Amherst P.O. with letter to Putnams. Slept deeply 3–5. Tea. Wr. P.C. to Tom Purdy about Marguerite's spark and story. Still from bronchial [illegible] but no blood. Tel. Rita Smith 1–3 no reply. Worked on cross word puzzles in old copies of Times. G. came home after successful day in Hampden but lost his pearl bracelet. Bread & milk for dinner.

worked on cross words. G. came up. Radio eulogy of Roosevelt by Jona Parkin

Another bright cold day. Bath.
Newspapers Ev.

Thursday, April 21

Emp. Rich assurance of

loss of C's

Birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II (1926)

pearl ~~[illegible]~~ bracelet and loss
also of the garnet brooch that
I bought last Christmas for them
to wear. Papers which I
found very dull after
being without them for 26
days. G. came up happy
with news from Alfreda that
Hannes and children might come
over in June and she and
Brian would follow in July.
Rested and slept before luncheon
for which I had no appetite.
Found Cross-word impossible
in current Times. Weather
cold and grey. Long rest and
dreaming. [illegible] and tea after
five. Read Lady Cromer. Later
Mrs Rymer came up to consult
me about the money owed to her
by a friend. G. came up & we
pleased that Mrs Lennie likes idea of
Children's visit. Read Lady Cromer
Usual bread & milk & dinner
Made some progress with old + more

Friday, April 22

Another clear cold day Breakfast 9.30. Typed letter to Genevieve answered from Rita Smith but gotten out an omission I tried to telephone and wrote but she evidently did not get it in time. W. Mrs Wilkinson in reply to her letter about income tax on my sale of stock. W. Ky. Smith in reply to criticism on the apartments bath room. Dr Van Allen called 12.30. Says I am going on all right. We saw him again go over to the printers but again they were away. Better appetite for luncheon. W. Marguerite Norton. Read Easy Corner Ruths. Old Cuffs word. Tell kept on with the cross word up to dinner and after and made a little progress mostly doubtful. Pedie arrived a little before 8. Nearly 3 hours coming. Sat up half an hour on Putney Bugs. Dressed & went to dine and a dance with

Elizabeth Foster his grand daughter

Heard Peter come home at 4 o'c

Saturday, April 23

Another fair day
but less bright. Looked
at Times & D. Mirror. Moura
telephoned is coming down today

St. George's Day

for Sunday. E. came up
to see me. Filled in form
for last pearl bracelet
insurance claim. W. P. &
Miss Donaldson phoned!
Eastern at – not returned. Peter
had good time at dance. Dressed
and went down to lunch in
sitting room by the fire.
Came up soon after. Worked
on old + word puzzle and on
Peter's trunks. Could not
sleep but rested. Tea 5.30
Moura had arrived and Peter
fetched her from I worked
on cross word and Peter took
up to Jeannes and bed all evening
Finally found a way of closing
trunks. Moura went to bed
at 10.30. I did not see her

Sunday, April 24

2nd Sunday after Easter

Another fine day. Up 8.30
and breakfast as usual in
C's room. C. went to Church
I donned my heavy export
specs and wrote to Mr.
Searle about sale of my
Putnam shares. Mona had
not got up when C. came back
from Church. Says bishop
seems to have lost his grip
sermon more boring than ever.
Worked on my new cross-word
and got several more clues
Worked on Peter trunks before
and after lunch. Rested 4-6
Monica left at 6 and Peter
drove C. on to see Nola at
Chatham. I was working on
cross word when they came back
and Peter got me dictionary
and encyclopaedia. Mrs Hemus
had brought me to put [illegible]
[illegible] the dinner. Peter has
some skin affection on his heel and
Ladwell Tipman. Read
Sunday Times. Bed 12 m.

Monday, April 25

Anzac Day

Woke round about 3 and had Peter's leaving very much on my mind and this saying he hoped to see me in the morning. Sleep and rest very much broken. Heard him stirring soon after 6 and finally went in and said good bye and got a little sleep. Letter fr Rita Smith with letter and copies and corrected copies of the Conference Mass which I felt [illegible] to type to get out to send to Alfreda. Lovely day. Paid Crawhurst.

Finally got my letter to [illegible] and my letter and enclosures to Alfreda into their envelopes, also letters to Frank. Dressed and down to sitting room just in time for lunch. After lunch talked to G. a little gave Greg letter to stamp & post and then up to bed. Resting. Tea 6:15 and read Rosy Crowner till dinner. Shared G. & T. cocktail. Bowl of bread & milk.

Worked on Peter's trunks all evening

Woke early but slept again

Tuesday, April 26

Throat better. No bath. Sent Kimberly P.C. to Mrs Russell in reply to her letter about call cockers. Read Daily Mirror. Hope for Formosa situation if U.S. will drop that goat Chiang. Spent most of morning writing to Maude Royden. Dr Venables came to see me about 12.30. Afterwards he went over to see Mr Jewett and this time found him at home. When he came away Mr Jewett came out with him and stood talking by his car. Down to luncheon in sitting room. W. Till. Sat with G. a while after lunch and walked out in sun in front of house and then came up to bed. Worked on Peter's trunks. Rested 4 - 5.30. After tea went on with Peter's trunks. G. brought me up a cocktail. A good dinner brought up by Mrs Cramer. After dinner I went on with Peter's trunks and finished them at 12. G. came up to see me about 10 and talked

about Edwardina's matters

Brief talk as [illegible] [illegible]

Wednesday, April 27

hot water. Dull rainy
morning. W. P. E. [illegible]
Speaker agrees & [illegible]
W. H. [illegible] about [illegible] to
Cavilles. Paid bills. S. H. S.
agrees to [illegible] [illegible]
about Chair without [illegible]
Spent most of morning composing
letter to Marshall Dodge of
S. P. S. Alumni Society and sent
it to Rita Smith for typing.
Day turned out pleasant—but no
sun till evening. Down for lunch
in sitting room. After lunch Quinby
came to see me about income tax
He is running [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. Rested. Dressed
and down for tea W. C. Made
out cheque for [illegible] [illegible]
and worked on [illegible]
accounts. [illegible] [illegible]
Dinner in sitting room. Listened
to news and then came up to

W. J. [illegible] & [illegible] at [illegible] + [illegible]

up 8.15 Bath and bath eye
exercises Thursday, April 28 Partly
dressed for breakfast in C's room
and finished dressing immediately
after. Insurance Company /
requires loss of pearl bracelet
valued at £25/ to be reported
to police & railway. Looked
up the Lost Property Office
in Telephone book; Tel. Jarvis
but out at work. Sat in
sitting room and w. Railway
Lost Property, Police Lost /
Property and Emp. Liab. Ass.
Had luncheon in sitting room with
a glass of sherry before. Felt
perhaps a little better after but
a bit weak and low-spirited.
C. has had an invitation to stay
for a Sunday from Irene Dalziel
etc. She wants to accept but
certainly I won't. She suggests going
alone. W. Darcy [illegible] an. [illegible]
[illegible] accounts. Read. [illegible]
Tried dictionary for + word. Made
rum drink after dinner.

Extraordinarily convincing dreams which extended into waking consciousness. Slept again late and roused only by Eggie going into C's room at 8.30.

Friday, April 29

Complete bath exercise in water of perfect temperature. After breakfast in C's room finished dressing: Telegram from [illegible]: Nanny and children arriving by air June 13th. Downstairs at 11 and completed Amberley accounts for first three months of 1955 and sent them to [illegible] for typing: Lunch in sitting room. Claydon did not come to see Eggie last night though it was her birthday and he had promised. Out and cut daffodils at the [illegible] in front of house and sorted them. Felt rather tired and sweated. Up to change and rest but did not sleep. Tea 5.45. Read [illegible] Cramer & Times. C. went to [illegible]. Made drinks. Dinner in dining room with Bess.

News: [illegible] after [illegible]

[illegible]

small clock but I started
Saturday, April 30
yesterday disturbed me with
its ticking. Heard strike
4 A.M. Six and Eight.
Dull Chilly day. Felt let
down. Gave Peter his trunks
Breakfast in my bed. Posted
letter to Marshall Dirks. 5 P.S.
Bath exercise. Down Stairs
before 11 & sat in sitting room
Dull depressing day. Peter
brought his Rabelais illus-
trated by Doré to show. Read
D. Mirror and Times. Dr Venables
called and first went up stairs &
then found me in C.'s sitting room
and stayed ½ hour talking pictures etc
when C. wanted to come & then he
went over to the Lodge. Felt
dangerous in the morning. Sun out
and day brightened. Lunch in
dining room but no appetite. Pasted
down ragged paper bound cover of
Peter's Rabelais. Rested but did
not sleep. Tea. Finished Lady Cranw

Peter brought Vingrell O'Rourks to dinner

Drinks too

Slept better and less bothered
by ticking **Sunday, May 1** of hall clock
up 7.30. Breakfast in bed 9 o'c
Had had bath, teeth, complete *3rd Sunday after Easter*
exercises. After breakfast stayed
in bed dozing for half-an hour
Then came down and sat by
fire well wrapped up and actually
slept. Roused and looked at
Observer 11.45 when C. + Peter
went to Mathiases' for a cocktail
I did not go, because weather
cold and raining and I have a menace
of catarrh. P. & C. came back at
1.15 having engaged young Kurtzs
were there and he talked Russian
to Ricky. I had a good appetite for
lunch. Still raining the
afternoon. Read papers. Letter
against Billy Graham from
National Secular Society whatever
that may be. Up to rest 3.45
Rested comfortably but couldn't
sleep. My upper throat seemed sore &
Down for tea 5.30 – Read Reporting
Change in Religion before and after
dinner. Peter left soon after 9
taking Mamie Mathias's grand daughter
up to London

Still slightly conscious of

Monday, May 2

Clock on landing. Awake 5.30
to 7.30 when I got

Bank Holiday (Scotland)

up. Throat practically well
Bath ex. Breakfast in bed.
Sat in sitting room read Times
+ paid bills. Posted letter and
cut dandelions by roadside
Maguires came and cut lawn
Tel. Hampshire Refrigerators
Brighton. After lunch tel.
Rogers about lawn. Fixed
up my clock-case. Talk
Crowhurst and agreed to pay
£6.0.0 per week split him and
no work at Parkhurst. Weeded
dandelions in yard. Tried to fix
dining room clock by levelling
Rested and slept. Tea. Finished
reading that 56 year old Reported
Change in Religion and read extracts
aloud to G. who was interested
G. went out to listen to the birds
as she did every evening & I made
drinks - After dinner G + I read

Anne Croft*

Tuesday, May 3

Not disturbed by clock but awake 6-8 Chilly feeling in air and slight access of catarrh. Up 8:30. dressed in blue knickerbocker suit and breakfast w. C. in dining room. Sat in sitting room and did not feel so well. Perhaps my dandelion cutting is too arduous for my present stage of recovery. Spent morning re-reading Anna Cora which I seem to appreciate more than at my first reading and which I think I will remember better. Kept up fire but felt cold and not well. After lunch finished my review of Anna Cora - reference to grandfather Huntington and it must have been Aunt Kate who was bridesmaid at the second wedding. Out and did a bit of dandelion cutting by the roadside and in the yard. Up to rest 3:40 and slept. Woke 5 and came down to tea 5:30. Cold rainy evening. Wr. draft letter to Barrett that I will copy tomorrow. Made drinks looked again at Anna Cora. Bed 11:30

Wednesday, May 4

Woke 6 A.M. but had snatches of sleep after that and think I feel better than yesterday but still catarrh at top of throat. Breakfast in dining room 9.30. C. came down later. Another cold grey day with occasional patches of misty sun. Spent morning copying my long gossipy letter to Burnett. Lunched & G. told me of meeting Mrs. Ayling to whom I once gave a warming pan. She used to have the historic public house on Houghton Hill. After lunch, posted letter to Burt by air-mail. After lunch weeded dandelions by roadside and in yard. Very tiring. Came in and read Times. Up to rest 3.40. Slept well. Still slight sensation of sensitiveness in my throat. Chilly wind and rain. Tea. Wasted time over todays Times cross word puzzle. Talk C. pleasantly about her novel. Made drinks. After dinner Times cross word

Thursday, May 5

Heard G. came up to bed at 3 A.M. after absorbed work on Madame Solario. I had finished breakfast when she came down about 10 but I joined her in the dining room and she told me of the dramatic and moving situation she has reached. I read agreement from Hampton and N. Alfred that I did not approve of demand for full payment on signing. Bernard typed Humberts accounts from Mrs Cook and sent her cheque for 10/6. Gave Mrs Renner cheque for £5, to get cashed. Viola Meynell came to lunch, brought by husband and handsome Jakey. She is very frail and changed but seemed happy and cheerful. We talked of Roman Catholics. After lunch I went out but found myself too weak to cut dandelions. Sat down in orchard and played with Prunes. Rested but hardly slept. Tea 6 o'c. Choked + woke as last night. Wonder if Venables tablets are making me weak. Something is.

Read Times: [illegible] of second [illegible]

After dinner read [illegible] music

Friday, May 6

I have stopped taking Dr Venables 2 a day tablets to see if they are the cause of my continuing weakness. Took an Antistine tablet in hope that it might relieve my throat irritation. Up 7.30. Breakfast 9 o'C. Read paper. Another cold, grey day. Sent picture P.C. to Messrs Bakers. W/ Paul commenting on the hasty marriages of the present generation of young people. Paid subscription New Statesman. After lunch brought garden chairs from stable. Rested. Dr. Venables called after tea and I gave him back his tablets which I thought were keeping me weak. He also gave me some soothing lozenges for my throat. Started to back garden chairs. Made drinks. Peter arrived just as we were going into dinner. Back in sitting room listened to news. Before dinner Wally Allen called about work in Annexe. Took him out and found Clayton there with [illegible]. Read weekly papers. Up to bed 11.15

Saturday, May 7

Slept well and thought I was better but when I got up at 7.15 I found my catarrh worse and I did not take a bath. Day. Day started fine. Measured hall rug 3 yds by 4 yds 2 ft 6 inches. G. Amelia her bath up to 1, 2 or even 3 o'c every night and returns to it immediately after breakfast. It must be good. Read Times. Out to stable and examined Dresden China and took for London the pieces necessary for Alfred Beit. to have soup, dinner, dessert and savory for 8. My catarrh not improved by the exertion. Luncheon + talked about the Bernadottes and how a member of Axel Fersen family burnt the last letter of Marie Antoinette. Mr Mates brought me a small chamber pot for Empress Eugenie. Bedside Cupboard. Peter went to play tennis with Mr Foster. I rested and slept deeply. Tea 5.30. Talk Charles about putting thatch on barn. Finished packing Dresden China. Felt so ill I went to bed and had

[illegible]

Too ill to get up.

Sunday, May 8

C. telephoned to Mr Parish
to take us to London

4th Sunday after Easter

tomorrow. C. went to church
in her garnet coat & a hat
with my garnet beret.
Peter went on archaeological
expedition. At 12.30 the
Kellys came for a glass
of sherry. It is an interesting
[illegible]; 5 asp. aum of
oxygen is good. I added a dash
of [illegible] and then ran
through 3 times & observed.
Glass of hot milk, brown bread
& butter & grapes for lunch.
Dozed all afternoon. Tea
5.30. W. cheque for Charley's
extras and clothes etc.
Less bronchial mucus
and perhaps feel a little
better. Dallied nr. & went
Peter took C. to see Viola.
I packed my papers etc.
in dispatch case. Gave Peter my 2nd
suit case with only Bianchi Che-
degree in it. 3 cups lemon cream

[illegible] for dinner

Awake in night and worried that we had not invested dollar money in [illegible] stock as Oliver & Stephanie did to immense advantage but this is an unknown field to me. Slept later. Heard Peter getting up and off soon after seven. I felt much the same but bronchial catarrh much less. No bath. Breakfast 8.30. Stayed in bed dozing all morning. Down for luncheon in sitting room 1 o'clock. Made up fire nearly out and wrapped myself in rug with result that I sweated and had to go up and change. Asked Mrs Pike to wash woollen shirt. Asked Carpenter to get plumber who put in 2nd cottage bathroom to come over and make it work to Mrs. Kirby's satisfaction. Put last things into dispatch-case and suit-case with the Dresden china. Mr. Pain drove us up to London 4.15–6. Unpacked things all intact and went to bed. Dinner and half hour

Monday, May 9

with our anxieties of mounting overhead

Dysons drawing room back. [illegible] Peter came to dinner

Last night brief talk Peter about marriage

Tuesday, May 10

Slept well. Up 8.15. Catarrh much better but practically normal. C. out 1.00 for permanent waves. Tel. Fry-Smith bathroom floor, Chaplin Jarvis broken Dresden plates. Hatfield Tray & Scones. W/ Perris about Survey of London Vol just received. Read Times. Lunch alone. Put back jade specimens on chest of drawers. Waited and watched for Charlton to give him plate. C. came home. Rested but did not sleep. Mr Dowty came here about replacing cork tiles in bath rooms. Tea. Read E. Standard. Opened parcels of chair covers & quilt fr. Dani. Sorted letters and business papers brought from Amberley. Made drinks. Went on sorting papers after dinner and after listening to news

Tel. Parry Epstein has had

woke early but slept after

Wednesday, May 11

Worried at disappearance
of Correspondence wi: T.L.B.
that I certainly had at Amberley
Breakfast wi: C. about 10.
Then she went off in her new
dark grey coat & skirt &
sable stole to dentist & then
wi: Claudia Wyndham.
Spent morning sorting
papers and looking up
addresses. Found correspondence
wi. T.L.B. Luncheon alone
w: Maurice thanking her for
inscribed copy of Velasquez's
Life by Maurice Dimier that
I helped her translate. Took
it across garden and gave
it to Porter at 63. To bed
but again did not sleep.
Tea wi: C. 5.45. Odds & ends
needing attention. Made drinks.
After dinner started to mend
my old travelling rug & a life

Keep to: Kreisler pieces & music

T. McFall [illegible] not [illegible]

T: [illegible] Duet [illegible]

Thursday, May 12

Tel. Mrs Donaldson about marker cabinet. Tel. Hatfield about C's dressing table. Tel. Berry liqueur. Sent £150 to Lloyds Arundel and told them to pay Ockenhurst £6. weekly. Out bought stamps, went to glass exhibit. Baker St. Hotel. Paid Rymans for blotting paper, bought Steradent. Quite tired by that time. Home. Ida Carrick to lunch. Sherry. Talked of Beglows, P.J. & Agnes' service. Rested and slept and felt better for it. Tea and read Times. C. went to dinner at Guards Club with Pep Blocker. Says that Thetis is having an audition w. Birmingham Opera that may lead to something. Carmen is being asked at a flat at Oxford. He is a lover of Germans and hater of Jews and he and C. nearly came to blows. I had dinner alone and spent evening mending my old rug. C. came home before eleven. In bed 12.15

Friday, May 13

Slept well. Cheque fr. J. 40 Acres. Closed to visitors Sept 1. Breakfast 10.15. Letter fr. Nannie says Alfreda now good figure & well dressed & gads out w. Brian to cocktail parties every afternoon and dinners every night. W. Emp Heale about C.'s lost pearl bracelet. to John H. about Charles Capen's novel about St. Louis. Man came from Hatfields with bust, sconce and mahogany tray well mended but disastrously French polished. Put sconces and bust in place but now that we have moved console bust does not look well against picture. C. out to get her spring hat from Ziverling and on to lunch. w. Gladys Robertson. Lunch alone. Read Times worked on rug. Rested. Tea. Sandwiches & drinks. To see Beatrice Lillie. She was good but she did nothing but patter.

[illegible] Tel. goodbye [illegible]

Cold windy day. Woke

Saturday, May 14

5 A.M. and did not sleep again. W. Mr Milne who has given up his position in Edinburgh and wants another. Put Napoleon China on top shelf. Pd. W. Allen Started to mend sleeve of my Beards cardigan. C. came home with samples etc. Miss Monro for patchwork quilt and Amberley chair. Sherry before lunch. Finished cardigan sleeves after. Worked a bit on rug. Rested tea. Read Times & Ev. Standard worked on rug. Made dry Martinis. Dinner. C. discouraged about element of her novel but temporarily heartened by drink and drugs she is taking. After dinner news and Wagner concert. Worked on rug of which finish is in sight. Weather cold and windy but mostly sunny. Have not been out all day. Catarrh perhaps a little better. Dusted edges of top shelf in spare bedroom

Sunday, May 15

Rogation Sunday SCOTTISH QUARTER DAY *(Whitsunday)*

Slept well, hardly wake till 8.10. Read papers Sunday Express S. Times Observer. W- Mrs Russell re. cheque for Cold Cream. W. Perkins Wells. Sherry before lunch. In letter to P. Smith suggested coming by train. Day bright but cold and windy. G. spread out silks from Mrs Morris to repair their bed-spread. My catarrh better perhaps from not going out yesterday so not going out today. Rested. Tea 6 o'c. G. has been writing all day. I worked on old rug which is more than half finished. I have a feeling for it because it was given to me when I came to London by Putnam N.Y. staff, the best travelling rug that money could buy. G. working on the end of her novel with varying degrees of confidence

Woke very early and slept
until 6.40 Monday, May 16 and then
dozed till 8.30. Breakfast
10.15. Read D. Mirror. Another
bright morning but windy
and cold. Out 12 M. Left
clock case at Davis's and
enquired about brass fender
ordered three [illegible] [illegible]
Looked for chair covers Burnett
They will send samples. Bought
grapes. Home 1.40. C. came
in 1.50. After lunch read
Times. W. Marshall [illegible]
SPS Tel. Hatfield about C's
dressing table and my mahogany
bag. Rested but did not
sleep. Tea 6 o'c. Clary
[illegible] called 6.45. She
had a glass of Dubonnet and
we talked intimately about
Bonds and other mutual
interests. I took her down in
the lift and Barker got her
a taxi in the rain. Then C. & I
had a dry Martini & dinner. She
talked Hungarian to Mrs Renner
for nearly 1, & at last [illegible] wound up [illegible]

After dinner finished darning of old rug

Slept well. up 8 o'c.

Tuesday, May 17

C. received from Lorenzo a copy of his letter to Dr. N. Wolfgacker threatening libel action against Prue and her for distortions of the life of his family in the two stories published by the New Yorker. Milder rainy day. Out and had my hair trimmed bought tulips and darning wool. Tel. L. W. Kay accepting for lunch next Sunday. Prue to luncheon. Bill Maxwell called up from N. Y. and told C. not to worry. They are paying no attention to Lurig's letter. I worked on rug while C talked to Prue who said her 17 year old son could not learn or pass any examination. C. & I rested early and had tea 5 o'c. when she resumed her writing and I finished mending rug. Kathi drinks Riviera to

Alma and Pellie back from Paris

were too early. Another
Wednesday, May 18
cold day & tearing
wind. Tel Mrs Donaldson
about pelmet. W. Peter
recommending Kipling year
book for Erskine's wedding
present. C. out shopping. I
stayed in expecting Hatfield
darned socks and patches of old
blue trousers. House engineer
worked over flush in C's bath-room
Out and got stamps & grapes
and left old mended rug at
Davis's to be cleaned. Home and
sat in sun in dining room and
looked at new Sitwell volume
Hatfield had telephoned from
St Albans that he has been
detained but will come tomorrow
morning. Mrs Donaldson says the
joiner will come to do pelmet
on Monday or Tuesday. Read P.P.
very good article in Eugenics
Review on Nazi mass killing &
Russia. Tea 5 o'c. Lit fire in
sitting room & left C. to write.
Did Crossword. Made dinner.
Looked at Catalogue

brought from Paris by Peter of modern

French paintings lent from U.S.A

Slept well. Up 8.15

Thursday, May 19

Ascension Day

breakfast 9.45 w. C.
Cheque £25 fr. Emp Liab
fee last paid premium.
Sent policy for deletion and
Cheque to Bank. Ordered
liqueur Berry. Consulted Davies
about pencils and clock case.
Call fr. Hatfield to remove
parcels for mahogany tray.
They will call for [illegible]
and when we go to [illegible]
Tel. Mr. Smith about bath
room tiles. C. greatly stirred
as she works on finish of her
novel. I started to read
Mourai translation of his [illegible]
by Simmons. Got [illegible] for C.
After lunch. Got air-mail
stamps for C. Then at
Greens for grapes. Home read
Times. Rested. Tea. C. went
out to see Marcia but Marcia had
forgotten and gone out.
[illegible] Royal [illegible] about [illegible] Mr Miller
Drinks. Dinner. Music. Finished

Letter to Ralph & sent it to Rita Smith

Worked on Mourai's translation

Bright day with no wind but
no wind. Leak in ceiling by
Friday, May 20
bathroom. Told Major G. Started
at once after breakfast on
Moura's translation – full of
mistakes. Paid Willy Allen's
account. Worked on Moura's
French translation. C. worked
on her novel. Neither of us
went out all day.
Gladys Robertson came
to luncheon and she
and C. talked not alto-
gether uncharitably
about the other girls
especially Miss Aldrich.
Left them after lunch and
went on with. Rewards
work. Rested. Tea. Typing
work. C. went to Moura's
Peter came here for dinner
Karen came to see him and
left Japan told Coco

After change typed instalment
Moura's translation

Another grey day but warmer and less wind

Saturday, May 21

G. at the end of her annual. I told her that hotel manager would break the news of Kovansky's accident gently. Tel. Engineers passage lights fixed. W. Maggie to stays Staples next week. Signed and sent [illegible] Income Tax returns. W. Gerry sending him London Survey fee. £25 Took it round and left it at G's apartment Apsley Ho. G. got back just before rain and so did Gladys who had been out late shopping. I brought back blue grapes. Sun came out during luncheon but soon went in again. After lunch. read Times. Rested but could not sleep. Tea. Repaired middle drawer of desk. W. McFall. Early dinner and G + I to gangster play. Dangerous [illegible]. Exciting but unpleasant and hard to follow! 10

up at 8 o'c and breakfast

Sunday, May 22

9.45. Looked at papers and then settled down to

Sunday after Ascension

Simenon's Les Temoins. Moura's translation quite disgustingly careless. Worked until time to go to Johns. Cold pleasant day. John & Kay looked well and happy but John as usual a sort of contented pessimist. Children handsome happy & healthy. Luncheon beautifully cooked by Kay. J. after tea took us to Jimmie's projected studio anchor. Then tour of contents of Chair's house. Kay drove us home in her car. C & I rested. Up 5 o'c and tea. C. had finished his novel this morning and was very gay. I started letter to Prescott. Drinks. Dinner. Copied letter to Prescott &

[illegible] of big ace

Monday, May 23

Slept well. Up late. C. angry because Pip wrote of his affection for Lorenzo. C. dashed off an angry reply. Tel. H. Smith about bath tubs and Hatfield about C's dressing table. C. out to hairdresser etc. Tel Mr Maddox about Mrs Renner's vote. No 9 bus to bank and got £5. Stopped at Dawson's about my clock-case. To Apsley Pellatt to enquire about a glass punch-bowl for Peter to give his friend for a wedding present. On to Cook's and got Amberley tickets. Home bus. All took very long and late for lunch. H. Smith's man came after and put down some bath tubs in my bath room. Rested ~~then~~ worked on Monday's translation. Had drinks. Dinner. Finished section of book 12.30

Up 8 o'c. Tel. Maurer that

Tuesday, May 24

I would be too engaged next fortnight to work on her

Empire Day

translation, letters, flat, arrival of builders & 'readers' of G's novel. G. unexpected last and had an attack of nerves and said I could not. Mr. Gamble telephoned her to send to Cassell. Mrs Smith has sent most of novel typed. Packed things in suit case for Mrs J. to take to Amberley. Hope it will not be broken. Mrs L. & E. left at 11.15. I left 11.30 and took Maurer's copy to her flat. Hair cut. Lunch Hassel-shop. Home 1.30. Ask Beit Chq to Hampton & P.R. ri to Ch. X Westminster. Tel. Dept. about Chest drawer key. W. Africa. G. came home @ Gladys Strachey's not there. W. Alfreda G. noted. Tea. Taxi to Victoria. Post G's letter by air. 5.4 to Amberley. Slept in train. Met by Clayden and then Mrs A. & Eagie smiling on doorstep

Unpacked cases. Drawn chairs into other rooms

Dinner. Read Times. Put away things. Bed 12.30

Bed warm

Woke 6 o'c. up 8. Day started overcast

Wednesday, May 25

but sun from out at 11 o'c. C. got to see her open. She found letter here fr. Cassell enquiring about republishing old [illegible] Cleaned / put superfluous Dresden plates back in stable cupboard. 28 here and sixteen in London. Read Times. Paid Frank Pepper £15. for Vicar's stipend under his [illegible]. C. came in with lilacs that she cut from our row. At luncheon she talking about her novel and the [illegible] in it that Mrs Smith is typing has not understood. Sun bright and warm. Talked about the climax of her novel which Mrs Smith had not grasped when she and C. talked on telephone and I said that few readers would understand but they would enjoy the novel none the less. [illegible] the Derby won by French horse. Rested but did not sleep. Tea. Started reading C.'s novel very excellent. Drinks. after looking out framed pictures in stable for Annexe. After dinner, read

[illegible] up to bed. 11.15

Slept badly but late. Cable

Thursday, May 26

from Alfred do I want her to attend Hadley meeting 27th Replied – Consult Prescott if attendance desirable gladly bear expense. Tel. Burnet to keep material will send measurements next week. Looked up Winchcombe for going way Pauline Wills. Might be practicable by Cheltenham. Got out hammer & tacks for C's men in fixing bed for children in Annexe. Weather mild. Slight rain in morning. Sun later. After lunch read Times and to bed early. Slept deeply and long. Tea 5.30. C. has been engaged all day fixing up Annexe for the children. & C. been Willy Allen pictures to hang and frame for annexe. Hung pictures in my room. Made drinks. After dinner read Evening Standard brought by Mrs Rennie who had been out. Then spent evening reading Nathan's stories which holds one's attention in a rather strange sinister way. Talk to C. about it

in a way that satisfied her

Slept well up 8 o'c.

Friday, May 27

Envelopes with various matters fr. H.99 + S.P.S.

Easter Law Sittings end

Letter from Manfred Dodge about SPS Alumni funds. Letter fr Royal Ins. about job for McMiller. W. Mildred Bedford about her friend Mrs Robinson back in Washington. Gave Crowhurst cheque to get me whiskey and stamps. Began to rain at noon. W. McMiller giving address of firm that might employ him. Sherry for Viola who came to luncheon. C. told her about Lorenzo's suit for libel and about her novel. W. Geoffrey Moulder of Royal Ins. To bed but did not really sleep. Peter arrived. Tea. Went out into Annexe wi. C + Willy and saw about pictures. Peter made drinks. After dinner radio Election results show about 60

Majority

Letter by air fr Alfredo asking if I want Prescott to write Jimmie to delete family furniture from Sale June 4. Cabled to this effect to Alfredo and w. air letter in confirmation.

Saturday, May 28

Drab rainy day. Peter went to village for me and got cash, grocery for Mrs Lennon and stamps. After lunch telephone for office from Mrs Coolidge. Read Times. Conservative majority of 50. W. Prescott not to let Jimmie let Chase house for more than a year, but he did not sleep at all. Drafted [illegible] letter to Jimmie advising him not to sell far [illegible] of Chase House. Made noon drinks. Dinner. News — wireless music and then for the first time today I was able to go on with C's novel Part II. Sinister and repulsive but absorbing.

Sunday, May 29

Whit Sunday (Pentecost)

Up 8.15 after a good night's sleep.
Put away [illegible] in hall
Tel Jarvis about putting [illegible]
down with Steve and
Mrs Dimage's cottage wi. keep.
Gave Mrs [illegible] note for Mrs
Dimage giving Jarvis address
and the cheque of £400. for
doing outside cottage. C. & I to
church. Bishop gave a thoughtful
but untenable sermon on Holy
Ghost. C. thought Evelyn looked
very happy being now in H. P.
John & Audrey [illegible] came for
sherry at 12:30. [illegible] took
Jake and me with Camera that
produces a print in one minute
Also a picture of C. It turned
out a lovely still sunny day
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]
all night and [illegible]. After lunch [illegible] Jake
advising against selling Chair [illegible]
furniture. Read obedience. To rest
but did not sleep. Tea 5.45
Read Observer & S. Times. Peter
to cocktails wi. Tatiana [illegible]
telephoned staying to dinner. Read
Mme. Solano. Drinks. News –
playing music after dinner. Read C.'s thought

Monday, May 30

Whit Monday

Lovely morning. Wrote names under pictures in my photographs book including Julius Matthews and C. taken by Kurtz. Put away books from London in Studio. Read C's book for something over an hour and then walked slowly in orchard. Spoke to Charley about getting grass mowed. Must get Goldhurst to clear weeds from larger hedge and Welly Allen to mend windows of Peter's house. Lunch. Peter out for a long walk. C. read New Yorker. Beautiful warm afternoon blue sky without a cloud. I read C's Madame Solario. Rested 3.30 slept. Tea 5.30. News on wireless very overwhelming. Lovely bright evening. Peter getting Miss Blewitt for 'Mathildes' and taking her to Kneller's. Sylvia came over after. Unequally and got Peter to say he would take her to London tonight. Drinks. Dinner. W. B. C. to Major Baker not to forward any news

visit, admitted Bishop in [illegible]. Peter up 11.30

Peter [illegible]

Tuesday, May 31

Union Day, South Africa

Woke up early. No post at breakfast. Only papers. Made list of puzzles with queries in C's Mo. Spoke Charley about ordering wood from Parham. Spoke to Crowhurst about trimming laurel hedge and planting grass seed. Checked last night's cross word Puzzle. Copied addresses into address book. Read Times. Out after lunch. Looked at Economist left by Potts. Good paper. Another lovely day. Rested but hardly slept. Tea. Walked about looking for Charley. Combed balls of wool off my grey tweed. Out and talked to Hattie. She says Arthur is working as a shop assistant at Crawley. Dug up Dahlia bulbs in front of beds. Dad been called up to say there are some trains. Called station. May be one up 9.11 tomorrow but we will go by Farm car.

Made drinks. [illegible] dinner [illegible]
[illegible]

Amazingly. Up 7 o'c. while
Wednesday, June 1
shaving etc.
put Otter's [illegible] for Lawton into
dispatch bag. Bath & dressing
finished 8.15. Drew stairs
and did a few odds and
ends before breakfast. Up
and finished toilet by 9.15.
Tied up lilacs, lilies of valley
and Peonies for C. The [illegible]
arrived and we got off by 9.30.
Roads not crowded. Reached
reached Kingston House at
12. 1 tel. Sidney Smith & Mrs
Munro about my report.
Helped C. with getting ready
for luncheon with Freddy for
[illegible] — Sir [illegible]
Freddie Wyndham & Sir [illegible]
a smart new coat & skirt and
looking 20 years younger.
Had luncheon at Newport St.
and tried on my trousers
Moss's. C. came in soon and
we [illegible] went to rest. After tea
both she & I [illegible]
and [illegible] about [illegible]

Pd. [illegible] and made changes and pages to
James Moore. [illegible] after the [illegible]

Discussed
[illegible] with Moore [illegible] to get anyhow

Thursday, June 2

Coronation Day 1953

Mr Storey of Sky Smith came before I had breakfast and steened the odd patches on my bathroom floor cork tiles. Spent morning packing my clothes and possessions for Alfred. Out for late luncheon at Trubee Arms and brought home grapes and also a bunch for dessert. Read Times. C. came back soon after three from luncheon with C. Gualdie & Edward and a bunch of peeresses Ladies Kinross, Airlie & Galway. Last named asked C to stay in Scotland. Both to rest. Tea 6 o'c. C. to a little party at Moira's. I had drink at home. After dinner. Worked on C's translation of Les Temoins by Simenon. C. worked late as usual copying end of novel

Letter from Alfreda en-
closing Friday, June 3 one from
Genevieve. Alfreda and
Prescott seem where Waddle
in hand. Tel Harrods about
£25 dressing table and Berry
for liquors. To Burnet's for
Amberley chair material and
to Paxton's for Gruyere cheese
which we had for luncheon.
At 3 o'c after Reading Time
went out and got Seidlitz
powder at Greens, Chemist,
and Grapes at Pitts in
Montpelier Street. Home and
got to rest at 4 o'c. Up
at 6 o'c. and tea. Re-read
Alfreda's letter. G. pleased
wh. Scissors I got for her in
Montpelier Street. Started
letter to Alfreda. Made
drinks. After dinner. News
Government helpless over
strike. Worked on letter to
Alfreda the whole evening
up to 12.15. G. working
on half night finishing card

Raining morning & clearing late to fine.

Saturday, June 4

Worked on letter to Alfreda. Tel. Peter asking him to luncheon with Lady Cromer as C. said I might. Then when he said he would come she demurred and called it off. Out and Peter saw me at the bus stop and took me to chemist & P.O. where bought hot water bottle and air mail stamps. Miss W. my troubles are many. Lady Cromer to luncheon no magnetism but pleasant - no good for Peter, left Ms. for me to read. Rested. Tea. C. & I took her Ms. to Mrs Smith in hideous modern flat in Wigmore gardens. Looked at Bather Funeral College on Addison Road.

Home cleaning. Dinner. Then copied letter to Alfreda

Lovely day. Up 8 o'c

Sunday, June 5

Started at once after
breakfast on Sykes

Trinity Sunday

to Prescott about Hadley
worked all morning.
Ida Carrick to lunch.
She has made friends
with Doris McCail in
Buckler Court. She brought
her little Pekinese Susie.
I worked on Prescott
letter but took Ida down
stairs when she went
home. Rested and slept
deeply. Tea 6.45. Treat.
Prescott letter and cycled
to 5 minutes walk to Mrs Smith
& typist. Met her mother from
train. Home 7.30. Peter
making drinks. After
dinner deplorably weak
talk by Eden on strike.
Worked on Morris French

Cancellation till 12.30

up 8 o'c. Greiner came

Monday, June 6

from Henry Smith and put a light coat on my bed-room pigment preparing for light non-wet mahogany finish. Spent morning skimming through Maurras's translation. C. read his typescript and went out at 12:30 to do some shopping and get a bit of air. Lunch 1.45. Out 2:30 and read a letter I had written this A.M. in reply to one received today from Prescott, to Rita Smith who typed as I read. Got stamps and posted letter to Prescott with Jimmie's Codicil. Did not rest as usual but worked at my desk on Maurras translation till C. woke up & we had tea 5.20. Went on with Trans later. Td. Charlton & Jarvis not to deliver Dresden plates. Finished instalment

Slept in spare room as smell of paint

G. had wildly screaming night-mare and I had a night mare in early morning or dreamt I was having one.

Tuesday, June 7

Trinity Law Sittings begin

Sleeping in spare room. Up 7.45 Painter came & finished ochering plinths non-slip mahogany. Read Lady Cromer's Wake [illegible]. Started clearing out my desk. G. out to sandwich lunch and film. Out to lunch Cranbourn Newport St. Got tweed trousers £8.8. Moss's Crapes round corner New St. Cheese Crêpes and [illegible] [illegible]. Home worked on clearing desk. G. came home from film she enjoyed. Rested. Tea. Worked in dark. Drinks. After dinner Strike news. Put things away so that I could use desk!. Put paper in drawers of half-pedestal table and I put contents in tin trunk. Started to read third part of G's novel and considered this about possible.

Slight changes: Bed 11.45

Woke early Wednesday, June 8 at 6.30 and got up at once and went to my room, had been sleeping in spare room because of wet paint. Washed my hair to use up time and repacked tin box leaving only old letters and papers that I might never want again. Breakfast 7.45 and then settled down to read. Excellent 3rd part of C.'s novel. She went out at 12.15 and got flowers. Ruth Draper and Kitty Blacker came to luncheon. Ruth was charming. C. made a scene over P's expression of hope for C.'s reconciliation with Lorenzo. Ruth seemed to me to have less trouble with her deafness. Came down after they left. Lts. Stafford and Henry Smith. Rested. Tea. Worked clearing drawers. C. to Mourai, I to Mrs Smith — got C.'s typescript. I got drink

D. home to dinner. Clementine C. Allen
up from Ireland.

Wet rainy day. Mr Haney
brought Thursday, June 9 strip to
go under columns in dining room
and we put part of fanny on
it which G. approves. Paid
bills. G. out shopping. I
read her novel manuscript and
moving but not always
clear. G. back. Got out Buick
Freda to lunch. Very nice and
affectionate. Arm in plaster from
her motor accident with Vere
Bowen. Her nurse came for
her after luncheon. I went to
bed and slept deeply. Up.
tea. Brief walk in Garden.
Finished G's novel. Felt need
of clarification. G. terribly
disappointed that I had any
criticism. Peter to dinner.
drinks. After dinner spent
evening packing things in
my room. Peter as usual
having affectionate time w. G.
W. Sophie enclosing my
letters to Pris cast off 5 L & 6
and I & codicil of 1929
To bed soon after 11

Woke early & did not
sleep

Friday, June 10

again
up 7. Did a little packing
before breakfast.

Birthday of H.R.H. Duke of Edinburgh (1921)

Tel. Burnetts that I was
coming for material for
finishing chair cover as
they cannot send it by
post. Mr Hatfield came
re: C's dressing table
re hinges strengthened for
[illegible] [illegible]. C. went
shopping. I went to West-
minster Bank Ch. X and
got £5. Inquired Drones
about cloth case + gave
Amberley address. Got
material Burnetts and stamps
at Ch. X Rd P.O. Home before
C. & lunch 2 o'c. Worked
on packing and emptying
drawers. Rested. 3.30
5. Cornell of Hudsons
came to look at chest. Will
fix tomorrow. C upset at
idea of taking things out. But
went on [illegible] drinks
After dinner crumpled pieces

of tissue paper papers. Made packets
of clothes. To bed (i.e. C)

Cresswell from [illegible]
came about
Saturday, June 11
Check
while I was shaving
and man from [illegible]
with big box of Boots
[illegible]. When I had finished
breakfast Cresswell had
finished chest. C. out to
have hair done. I took the
box down to storeroom near
Staplin and packed things
from Alfred room. Worked
emptying drawers and packing
things in boxes. C. back in
good time. Sherry before
lunch. Out after lunch and
had gin at Thames Arms.
Great on me. Work. Lined
drawers. Rested 4-5. Did
bits of repair on furniture.
Tea. Put up Napoleon over
door into pantry. C. went on
getting flat ready and reading
typescript of her novel. Dinner.
After dinner changed desk. Pain
in back from too much gin

Sunday, June 12

1st Sunday after Trinity

up 7 o'c. Did lots of packing and sorting as I dressed. I have backache. Must stop it for a time. Each day, very tired across my Catarrh. Unpacked and re-packed chest outside in passage. Helped C. count silver for Bills. After lunch copied out addresses and threw away pocket engagement books for last half dozen years. Met [illegible] yesterday not to come today to say Stanleys [illegible] as still at laundry getting dust almost black collars. [illegible] to [illegible]. Rested: Tea. Finishing disposition of papers. Read Reminiscences of Jacques Emile Blanche back to John Mathews. Sent Hampton receipt for Carriage on effects linen. Peter to dinner. He made drinks for himself + C. I did not have any because of back ache. Worked after dinner till 2 A.M. packing

Monday, June 13

Before breakfast cable from Alfred. Flight delayed. Children not arriving 4.30 today but early tomorrow morning. Worked in a more leisurely way getting flat ready. I went out and got Money paper for drawers and grapes. Alfred and Clementine came to see C. and were very nice. Their arrivals arriving 7.30 tomorrow meanwhile C. and I lunch at Tudor Arms. I had been to Air Terminal before lunch and arranged for Nannie to be looked after and taken to telephone. Talked etc until 3.45. Rested till 5. Peter arrived for tea and took much of their luggage to Amberley. C. went to see Rebecca and had drinks. We dined at restaurant. Finishing touches

W. water for Reis

Woke 4 up 5 Shaved and bath as usual

Tuesday, June 14

did last bits of packing and clearing up. Grape fruit and made tea and toast for myself C. about by 7.30 telephoned Palfrey when Cas wanted and Air Terminal about arrival of Nannie and children. P 524 Clementine Bert arrived before eight and I showed her a few things and made desultory conversation and left her with paper. Her 1 [illegible] housekeeper and 2 maids came about eight and Palfrey Rolls Royce car. does not seem big enough. Gave C. grape fruit and tea. Left about 8. Nannie and Children not arrived. Enquiries and reports by telephone and finally heard Nannie had had a slight stroke and been taken to Skillingdon Hospital. Children came on in care of nurse. [illegible] Palfrey Fred [illegible] Driver chauffeur had gone back for a bigger car. [illegible] from hospital that Nannie unconscious so decided not to go there. Children had arrived at home [illegible]. To Amberley. 5.4 [illegible] hospital Nannie died. [illegible]

Virginia. Christmas gone [illegible] will. Cambridge [illegible]
Nannie had her 80 [illegible] broke [illegible]

[illegible]

Wednesday, June 15

Anxiety - Slept well and long. Cable from Alfred that Ellen arrives in 48 hours if needed - Railway strike over. Tired all day. C. went out to get Mrs Reed to come and help and is writing to Woodward. I sent p.c.'s to 3 London firms to send accounts here. Telephone of sympathy from Ruth Draper who has heard of Nannie's death from Reed. sent sympathy and offer of help. Has read C.'s story Mollie Dancing Cleverly written but tragic, painful and shocking, ought never to have been written. All had luncheon together. Children with red mats - noisy but charming. W. [illegible] [illegible] offering £2.13.0 for lost umbrella. Read Times. Pleasant weather. Mrs Peters ill from shock of Nannie's death. All village knows of it but children not told. Rested. Tea. Bishop called with sympathy. G. telephoned Brown [illegible] Sorted papers. Calculated 7.10 exchange at $2.32 to £1.0.0

[illegible]

Woke 6 A.M. up 7 and made bed

Thursday, June 16

Breakfast 9. Mild day of sun and shade. Sent Amberley address to Till, Madden, John H. + Eng. Lec. Enquired Hillier when our lime should bloom and if they can supply Dawyck Beech. Sawed off dead branch from laurel tree in front wall, a little too much effect. Luncheon. Children too brainy; C. out in garden. A Mrs. West from Storrington called with needlework table-mats. Said they were trying to revive old English industry. We have too much Italian lace work to be interested. Rested. Looked about street-front shrubs and they need trimming etc. Made drink for C. I am going without till I get over slight backache. Asked dinner w. Phyllis Whitworth to report on Harley Granville Barker's bust and to answer her letter

Slept well 11.20 to 7.30.
Lovely day Friday, June 17 C. tel-
Kent gardens for flowers
for Nanny's funeral. Offered
children farthing each plantain
they dig. W. P. C. to Natalie
about Apsley House dance.
W. Pauline Willis After lunch
explained plan for weeks
for Crowhurst that I could
not give to Charley. C. + children
got string paper and stamps for
me. Rested. Tea. Thomas
displayed his gun — seems to
be a sort of air gun. It
needs to be discharged though
no bullet in it. I finally
him [illegible] it at a [illegible] before
pulling trigger. He and Bobbie
interested in lighting fire that
had been laid in school room
and took turns blowing bellows
C. says Bobbie longs to forget
to [illegible] but Thomas and Kate
manage alone or go without
Made drink for C. at dinner
Spent evening at that old cross-
word and got one more clue
and possibly two leaving only one

Of course important letters O. F.

Slept well. Mrs Pellers and
new village woman

Saturday, June 18

Jenny busy with beds. Letter
fr. Alfred re. Cheques. Comfortable but disturbed by
traffic. Bright day but cool
C. tel. Kent Gardens about
flowers for Nannie's funeral.
W. Alfred. Talked C. about
revision of her novel.
John and Lucy Matthias came
over with dahlia plants. Children
pulling up most of the weeds
Mr Pratt of Parks. Ordered
trowels for children to dig
plantains. Before lunch had
W Crampfield about chair covers
and Stakelie about dining room
clock. Took off striker & sought.
C. had letter from A. Brown and
Bill Maxwell. Read Times.
Rested. Tea. Letter fr McFall bust
ready. Mrs Monroe's bill £37.5.5
for my chintz cover of easy chair
& fr. BCAC my umbrella found
sent reward £2.10.0 Pd. Monroe
Made drink for C. after
dinner got out old file of
correspondence re. J.h. + Jo. and
thing- stepping [illegible] two sheets at
the end.

Sunday, June 19

2nd Sunday after Trinity

up 8.15 Finished breakfast etc. just in time to go to church. Thomas had been to children's service Katie went with G + me and Bubbie did not go at all. Very few people were there as Bishop was away. Mr Scott read service and the old clergyman who lives on the hill preached the sermon in a weak voice. Raining lightly when we came out. Mrs [illegible] tackled me about poplar trees. G + Katie spoke to Miss Lee about Katie being in choir must pay for her dress. Read S. Times & 2 copies and no observer. After lunch still raining and children clamouring to be entertained. G. devoted to amusing them. Rested. Then children interested in slices of blue agate and Peter got [illegible] the Malacca walking stick. [illegible] up agate in [illegible] had to read about [illegible] and the Indian. Made dinner. After G.

After dinner looked at [illegible] / [illegible]
S.P.G. prize

up 8 o'c. After breakfast
C. started Monday, June 20 giving
Potter her eye exercises.
Piano tuner came. Says piano
is being hurt by cold and
damp. Tel. W. Steinway and asked
them how much I could get
for it. Gave address of P. C.
to Allsop and Watmuffs Bank.
Tel Hammond for strong electric
light for babies' exercises. Tel.
Lloyds about account. Asked
Crutchhurst to cut away dead
wood from front shrubs and
creepers. After lunch spoke to
couple of tappers in street &
showed them view over walls.
Charley wretched with carbuncle in
groin. Got from him figures
for his workmans insurance. To
Lloyds Bank. Tel. Campfield to
cover chair with material pattern up &
down not side to side. It has arrived.
Posted. Mrs Buckman telephoned to
me to come round about tennis. I
somewhat rudely refused. Tea
Read Times. Started letter to

Biscuits. Drinks for C. After dinner began to
Rest easy.

[illegible]

G. worked late on her book
read her
Tuesday, June 21
evening
to bed 2-30. Dozed for 6 hrs
up 8.15. My umbrella arrived
from air terminal. Cool day sun
but clouds. Mr Hammond came
with strong light-bulbs for Kate's
eye exercises. Charles's [illegible]
a letter looked at papers [illegible]
that are worrying Mrs Luckman
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] but them
out - that is all. Measured
G's pictures from Florence. No
frames to fit them. G. trans-
ferring corrections so as to be able
to take ½ book to Viola this afternoon
I seem unable to walk much.
Read Times. After lunch tied up
G's typescript for her to take to
Viola. Read Times. Rested. Tea
G. to Viola by Claydon. Letter
for Pauline Willis. I looked at
[illegible] of Jacques Emile
Blanche for John Mathias.
Out to see Children and knitted
[illegible] for look out back of studio
Read fairy-tale to Thomas & Kate
G. came back from Viola who feels
worse. Made drink for G. after dinner
Read Jacques Emile Blanche

Another day of sun and
Wednesday, June 22
clouds temperate. G. gave
Katie her eye exercises.
Longest Day
W. Hampshire about letting
cottage when Kuelzes leave
W. Clough Williams Ellis
asking about his visit to
West Indies that winter.
Out to enquire about Charley. Katie
says he is better but will not see
his doctor – Dick Pepper. David has
some Indian game chicks. Bobbie
took me about looking at trees for
climbing. Lunch. Bed Time.
G. went up early to her room,
at 3 o'c the hour of Nannie's
funeral. I went out to see
that the children were all
right and then went up to rest
Wakened at 4 by telephone but
the caller had gone when I got to
the receiver. Down stairs and
started letter to Alfreda to go with
copy of letter to Gore call. G. came
down & we had tea. Finished
letter to Alfreda. Made drink for
G. After dinner started reply
to letter from Paul excellent. I

my answer [illegible]
and my dealings with Jimmie

Woke 6 o'C and worried about

Thursday, June 23

Jimmie's disregard of my rights in Hadley. Breakfast 9.45. Laundry delivered and collected. Forks for weeding arrived from Prin's and I set the 3 children digging plantains at a farthing each for 24. Thomas finished first then Bobbie then Kate and I gave them 6d each. Finished letter to Paul and added a bit to letter to Alfreda. Pleasant day misty in morning and sunny in the afternoon. Letter from Marguerite Horton accepting failure so far to get her Laurels in Chambers taken by any publisher. Reading Viola's story in New Yorker. Rested. Letters arrived typed from Rita Smith and I posted the one to Prescott. Held over the one to Alfreda until tomorrow to get it weighed. Read Times. Made drink for C. After dinner telephone from Horatio.

Friday, June 24

QUARTER DAY (*Midsummer Day.*)

Mild grey morning. Received my tip of £2.10.0 back from B.O.A.C. for finding their umbrella. Tied up B's typescript of Madame Sclario which she took so proudly and hopefully to the Post-Office to send to Mr Cowell. W. [illegible] thanks for unusual returned and appreciation of kindness of staff and Nurse Slough in taking care of children on arrival. Walked to P.O. and got air stamps and posted letter to Paul and Alfreda. After lunch read letter from Aunt Carlin about Nannie's flowers, & Nurse Slough's about children. Sorted my 1954-55 receipts for American Income tax. Clock case arrived from Dawes but couldn't get clock in. Rested but hardly slept. Tea. Read Times. Got clock into case. Think it will be all right. Made drink for B. and had one myself first time for weeks. Pitto delighted. Pulled off his pants and danced

after dinner [illegible] [illegible] in a very [illegible] and [illegible]

Up 7.30 Day of mist and
sun. Saturday, June 25 Peter
Commandeered by Gladys
takes children for clothes
to Shawinigan and to see Viola
he wants hose to wash
his car and Chamberlain
will try to get us 100 ft at
a wholesale price but
Peter is disappointed not
to have it today. Paid
Dixie for check. Cash
to [illegible] Statesman about
duplicated subscription.
Peter and his family got back
just in time for luncheon.
Peter had got some hose
to wash his car not fitting
[illegible] to do without
till I could get hose. C. let
him put it on her bill at
Greenfields. Read Times after
luncheon. Rested but could
not sleep, troubled by C's
indulgence of Peter. Tea.
Finished skimming Blackie's
More Portraits of a Lifetime
lent by John Mathews. John
stood up back

[illegible]

Sunday, June 26

3rd Sunday after Trinity

woke seven. Had slept well but worried about Hadley and Peter and all! Up and breakfast - 9 o'c. Wr. Maude Clayden telling her about the Children's arrival and all. Mrs Lee had made Katie's Choir dress so Katie going to Church and C. of E. Lovely day sunny and cloudless. I finished letter to Maude. Luncheon. Peter had been out in his car with the boy friends. Ramsay remains. Talk with Peter about his business: Tried to make him less dissatisfied. Rested. Tea. Peter getting fed up with Children's claims especially Thomas's. He went to big cocktail party Kuntz's. I read S. Times and statue of Edward to be dismantled. Much think for C. Peter left soon after dinner talking up bridge - table for Bobs and a chat

Slept well and late 12.15-8

Monday, June 27

Ruth Draper telephoned to C. Cannot see her Wednesday but most sympathetic about Nannie. Saw Charley about extra expenses, insurance etc. Told Craighurst that C. has got those five Pekes so he need not do anything about it. Charley's carbuncle is worse and he did not sleep at all last night. W. Dick Pepper [illegible] and him to hospital. Gave Bobbie a few old coins and supervised his arithmetic lesson as C. asked me to. Wrote letter for Regina to day. Procured arithmetic for him, made his [illegible] and Eye exercise for Katie. To see Hattie about Churchill. She said Dick Pepper ought to come to see him [illegible] [illegible] again. Called Mr Vaughn to interest him in [illegible] [illegible] for lunch. Called on Mr [illegible]. Read Times. Rested. Cut out [illegible] figures of Toreador and soaked it in hot water to get off old glue

Another fine morning. Letter fr. Bessie Harper

Tuesday, June 28

asked if she has broken down. C. thinks she detects a certain coolness in the atmosphere which she would like to meet with the like, against my advice. W. McMiller. Started mending the broken china figure of a Toreador. C. took children down to the village where the children got their ices as usual at Lumsden and talked of the Dead Sea scrolls. Finished the toreador. Mrs Urquhart came in One and took children for an afternoon on the downs. I went to rest but did not sleep. Dixon for tea. Truchdoe had come to pieces. Mrs Urquhart brought the children back but I stayed upstairs. C. liked her better. Washed glue off toreador. Started reply to Bessie Harper's splendid. C. had giddy turn on the stairs. I had made her a drink. Got her to sofa. I had dinner alone. C. felt better 9.30 and I had hers

Finished letter to [illegible]

Rain began 7. C. off to

Wednesday, June 29

London 10 o'c by Claydon. Got safety pins for Thomas who is rehearsing a play. C. says "for Nannie when she comes" is the childrens idea. Tel Viala to come to luncheon tomorrow, and Haggers to come to luncheon Friday. Tel Claydon to fetch Natalia. Gave Bobbie his arithmetic lesson. Advice fr. bank of deposit-interest. Paid Allsop K. + rent Oct. Mrs Munro's cocktail party. July 6. W. Very Bank about transferring balance to Boston of C. Gave Katie her eye exercises. Katie says Charley is much better. Anchor wrote to owners and considerate bell-ringing. Read Times. W. Laundry about Mrs Kennedy's missing apron. Rested. Tea 5.45. Children all over place. I started mending old tent umbrella. Katie to choir practice. C. home

Mark C's accounts. Read Evening Standard

after dinner

Thursday, June 30

Breakfast 9.30. Another day of sun and clouds and wind. Photographs of Keeley's bust from MacFall, quite a good likeness but not equal to Epstein picture. Wrote MacFall and thank. Came Bobbie to arithmetic lesson. Saw Charley, Dr Dick Pepper told him yesterday that he was going on all right but he did not sleep last night and he is still in great pain. Viola came to luncheon and I read her Marguerite's praise of her New Yorker story. Children were good and quiet at lunch. Read Times. Rested. Wakened by C. groaning. She had bad attack of giddiness. Eggie and Mrs Lumble helped. Finally she was able to take a drink and I fed her a little dinner and strawberries

After dinner I wrote Marguerite

Friday, July 1

Dominion Day (Canada)

Up 8 o'c. C. feeling weak and sleepless and having breakfast day in bed. Day damp and threatening. Tel. Natalia not to come and Claydon not to fetch her. N. said going to London next week could come week after. Brought bags to Thomas for Music, Books for arithmatic. Copied and sent letter to Bessie Grey's solicitor which C. approves. Supervised Katie's eye exercises. Up to see C. who is staying in bed for luncheon. I had luncheon w. Children. Rest time in C's room. She does not feel well. Mark Bonham-Carter and Lady St. Just on arrival. Let Thomas go down to the tea-shop for ices while I waited about with Babbie & Katie and talked to Mr Wells who says he's 74. Sprinkles of rain rested. Tel. from Peter. G. up for tea w. Children buzzing about. Fine sunny evening

Heavy post at end of

quarter. Saturday, July 2 Spent

morning paying bills

and checking petty accounts

etc. Peter took C. and

children again to Staughton

for shopping at Greenfields

After lunch started

work on my London

Westminster accounts

To rest 3.30 Tea 6

C. and Peter utterly incapable

of managing children. They

half engage in rioting with

them and then get very

exhausted. McJames called

and we decided to re-

thatch the garage barn but

to let the big wood barns

go to ruin. Peter got drink

for himself and C. I don't

take any alcohol except

beer at luncheon at least for

present. Accounts till 12.

Sunday, July 3

4th Sunday after Trinity

Woke early and dozed late
Breakfast 10.30
Day of clouds and sun and
with wind. Mrs Wright
telephoned not day for picnic
so she will entertain children
at home and take them to polo
at Cowdray. Read Abraham
and looked at last nights
accounts. Peter went off with
children at 12.40. I took
a tour round garden. Many lovely effects. G. has
a city of delphinium spires
with [illegible] of Gentian after
[illegible] luncheon in peace
Worked on Amberley accounts
Rested. Tea 6 o'c. Read
hymns most are of the Chapel
school. Read Kindly Light better
Peter and the [illegible] came
home before 7. Peter & I
read ballads to them. At 7
Fowler Nannie's executor
says there was not much
money in Nannie's bag.
Peter made drinks. Dinner.
Read more ballads after
dinner. Children to bed late
and Peter left for London 10 o'c.

Accounts

Another fine day but windy
up 7.45

Monday, July 4

C has
nice letter from Bessie Runge

Independence Day, U.S.A.

Cut a syringa twig
and tried to make pith puppet.
Bobbie doing his arithmatic
Mrs Renner has heard that
she will not be allowed to visit
Hungary. W. Steinway. Paid bills
etc. Vienna bank has paid
my balance of $600. into Boda
Bank. W. [illegible]. Mrs Renner
has come back from [illegible] with
tubes of cement so I glued & tied
on syringa pith so I hope it
will make a successful
tumbler. Gave Bobbie his
Arithmatic Lesson. Horatio
arrived. Pleasant luncheon
with children. Talked
afterwards and then we all
went up to rest. Horatio
rested in Peter's room. All
up for tea at 5:30. Horatio
says Johnny Bigham's marriage
is a success & he is impressed
his wife can't have children and
is maternal. Horatio left 6.15.
Made syringa pith tumblers

days tornadoes high. Drunk for C
after dinner accounts

Tuesday, July 5

In bed at 1 A.M. Awake at 7 AM
Bobbie up and making
an incredible noise and finally
shouting for Thomas about finding
an unhatched egg. Another
finger nail mounting. C. has
acknowledgment of her name
from Mr Cowie. W. MacFall
N. John Ogamill. Accounts
disturbed by Mrs Caspari and
went up to my room and
picked fluff balls off my Stuart
tweed trousers. Mrs C. told C. that
Martinique & Trinidad are [illegible]
Continued accounts. Children
noisy at lunch. Bobbie very slow
at his arithmetic this morning
and got through one one page.
Continued accounts after lunch
Rested. Children noisy and
hot water bath for father as
Ergie out, but [illegible]
Tea 6.30. Dawn to pond
mosquito jungle. Has been
beautiful day but cool recently
worked on accounts
Got C. 3 drinks. Dinner C.
inveighed against England
After dinner accounts

Glenn Toreadores band

Another bright cool day

Wednesday, July 6

W. Mr Watson about Peter suit. Worked on accounts. Viola had not telephoned after finishing C.'s novel so C. called her up and she had nothing to say and C. was terribly disappointed. Gave Babbie his [illegible] accoun account. Luncheon. Recited Lays of Ancient Rome. Worked on accounts. Rested 4-6. Worked on Paris bills. Made drink for C. Children must stop asking for string. After dinner studied Clough Williams's letter and his and Amabel's typed article about West Indies. All very primitive except Jamaica which is only for millionaires. Looked at little tables. Trinidad about the largest Island. Martinique very small. Travel very difficult life rough and terrible. C. determined to spend next winter out of London

Up 7.45 Misty early

Thursday, July 7

morning turning
sunny and warm
Commander James came
over with his head gardener
who advised about Tony
lawns. W. Eland Stuart re
reply to his letter sent to Putnams
about their Fr. book suggesting
information about Fr. newspapers.
Gave Bobbie his arithmetic
lesson. Tried to write out
lesson advice. from my rough
notes. W. Clough to Williams to the
Rather noisy luncheon with the
children. W. Gabriel & Bamford
[illegible] Mon 11th at 12/m
Sail Paint 30:17.8. TO left
early. Tea 5.15. It has been
a perfect day warm but
not hot. Walked down
to field. Chickens in. fed pigs
The Rickman is quite right over
the elms should be cut down
Worked on Amenity a/c.
Made Q's drink. More accounts
after dinner. Stapeley meddle

Another good day but cloudy
Friday, July 8
Hunted for Crowhurst
or Chelsey: Crowhurst mowing
jungle other side of pond. Gave
Bobbie his arithmetic lessons
Suggested black-current fool
to Mrs Lunn and she at once
groaned. She cannot bear
suggestions. But told Charley
to bring in black currants.
Gave him £4.0.0 to get Gin &
Rum wh. he said Dad's would
do. Had a letter fr. Watson
justifying only 10 o/o to Peter.
Noisy luncheon with Children.
Ballet costume ordered by Mvan
arrived and proved to be merely
an uninteresting cloth frock, dress
& bonnet sold on hire. Sent
back. Am keeping accounts
getting them better. Rested &
slept deeply 4-5. Tea C. she
is concerned about Thomas's
unkindness to Bobbie. Thinks Thomas
ought to go away to school. Made
C's drink. Peter arrived half
way through dinner. Peter sulky

Peter & [illegible] told [illegible]

night. Children in dining room again alone
I went into N. room

up 7.45 D. Mirror full of murder

Saturday, July 9

cases Ruth Ellis and Emmett-Dunn.

Tel. Davis McFall, says I can cut off chandelier in post-card of the best. After breakfast started to prepare copy for Brumwell-Barker p.c. and had one of my black-out attacks. My mind refused to work. Sat quietly and then walked out in sun. Gradually recovered. Peter exhibiting extraordinary kind of apparatus reproducing voices C's and children. He got it with profit he had made in Speculator. C. as usual complaining that I had not speculated with our capital. Cloudy morning. After lunch windy, sunny and warm for Sudbury Rueds. Mrs Lauder had made a cake for raffle and rolls. Had time. Rushed back Caught nap. After G. out-side children and Peter flying kite. I finished Brumwell Barker p.c. copy. Drinks in Loggia. Dinner. Children quiet and not long in sitting room. Phyllis w

Wireless [illegible] Westminster Irish Band

Sunday, July 10

5th Sunday after Trinity

Another lovely day - best of all. Woke 6.30 Bobbie talking and crowing in bed from 7 o'c. Up 7.45 Breakfast wi. Peter 9.30 Got 1 to Church. Bishop tried to apologise for his being [illegible]. After Church Mrs Pepper asked for a plant of C's rock-rose. Mr Cooper brought over little boy to play wi. children. He was here last summer. At Church Mr Scott read story of Goliath as first lesson. Very fine. I read it again when I got home. After lunch read Harold Nicolson's review of Bruce's "My England". C. took tiny thorn out of my thumb. Peter took children on Downs above Sullington. Tea 6 o'c. Read papers. Peter played with children on lawn. C. read to Leggia. Peter made drinks. I did not drink any and C. too much. She was prostrated after dinner and I put Thomas & Katie to bed. Washed cuffs of shirt. box tomorrow.

up 7 o'c in preparation for
my day in London.

Monday, July 11

Peter took me to station for
the 10.18 train. I had left off
my woolly waistcoat as a
hot day was forecast and
I felt slightly unprotected in
train. Went straight to barber
from Victoria and Mr Hum and
trimmed my hair. Then I looked
in at Robin Darwin's show
at Agnews. Landscapes in
pale endearing colours [illegible]
Then to Dorchester for Johns
Standard Club luncheon to
President Pusey. He and his
wife appear to be small
town people. I met Mr Adams
Mr & Mrs Kennedy, Tunnard
architect friends from Smith
who tried to get into Balliol and
Sat next to a man named
Wells. Ames who was to
have sat on other side did not
turn up. Puseys speech low
and dry. Next I got money
at bank. Fixed up order
for photographs of Henley bust.
Then to Gamages + got Kate's
hammock (birthday) present
and home. Peter took them

At 5 - Brighton for the day: We met [illegible]
Cake and Candles for dinner:

[illegible] for Chuckles [illegible] hair [illegible] Peter [illegible]

Another horribly hot day

Tuesday, July 12

Slept well but
felt somewhat unrefreshed
[illegible] Queenie has not
reprieved [illegible] Ellis who
must be hanged tomorrow
Mrs [illegible] sent a lady
round starting for orders
for miniatures. Gave Bobbie
the arithmetic lesson. C gave
Katie her eye exercises.
Peter went away before Bob
got down on excursion
to Thames estuary. W.
Robin Dawson about his
exhibition. Luncheon
w. children as usual. After
went with them and hunted
on lawn for place to hang
hammocks. Decided it would
have to be in orchard. W. Robin
Dawson about his exhibition.
Paid bills etc. To rest. C.
went to orchard with children
and they got [illegible] to put
up hammock in the wood. Up
till 6 o'c. Started sewing on
buttons taking out tucks etc.

Got [illegible] from C. [illegible] chimes continued
Writing [illegible] tucks [illegible]

[illegible] dines.

up 8 o'c. Children fine

quiet Wednesday, July 13. Another hot summer day.

Ruth Ellis hanged at 9 o'c. Cassandra of Daily Mirror's front page of shocked and sensational protest. W. Jimmy Smith & Son about their confusing accounts; down to wood and re-fixed Katie's hammock put up by Mr Crowhurst. Gave Bobbie his arithmetic lesson after lunch. Clouds gathering for another thunder storm. W. Clementine Bert asking if they would be at Rushbrook in August when Russell's hotel has offered accommodation. Bobbie playing with my Syringa pith Dumbles. Clips supply 4-5. Tea C. read time French opinion shocked at Ellis execution. Made drink for C. and another one for supper. After dinner read New Yorker. Did

and Seattle

Another hot day after thunder storm of

Thursday, July 14

yesterday afternoon. Daily Mirror devotes front-page to Ruth Ellis case as argument against capital punishment [illegible] a [illegible] ballot. W. H. Hannen about Hardy's bust. Gave Bobbie his arithmetic lesson W. Maude Royden. After luncheon read Times. Early gathering thunder storm. to rest. C. called out of window to stop the Bishop's barking dog and then did not sleep. Up and tea at 5 o'c. Katie complained that Bob Philby had come and was playing in her hammock. I went down and told he was too old to play with these little children and I sent him home. I hope his family will not feel hurt. Started to read Bruce's "Your England". Read Grimm's Fairy Tales to Bobbie. Made drink for C. Finished

Read [illegible] Bruce's Your England

Wrote [illegible] on [illegible] 3 or 3 [illegible] after dinner

Wakeful night. Up 7.10

Friday, July 15

C. up to London by 10.10

St. Swithin's Day

Provincetown Advocate announcing opening of Wharf Theatre July 1. Posted D. Mirror Death Penalty ballot. Raised Children's hammock down in wood. Capital Punishment and Mr. Lloyd George discussed in Spectator leading article, and New Statesman comments against L.G. Gave Bobbie his Arithmatic lesson. W. Roger to thank him for Bacci book. Thomas supposed to give Katie her eye exercises and to do his own [illegible]. Luncheon of fish and uncooked treacle tart. Read Times. Polished knob of swagger stick like agate! Rested but did not sleep. Tea. Gave Thomas book of Navy signals sent me by Roger. Polished rest of stick with Liquid polish. Think it must have [illegible] in it. C. home. Slip stick belongs

Eat Days at Regiment, Drinks

to be Tillie Coates

Saturday, July 16

Another hot day. Children down to [illegible] hammock. C. had letter from [illegible], arriving next Friday. Says she has been working on [illegible] problem w. [illegible] letters etc. Peter arrived from excavating Thames [illegible]. Found Roman balance. Children dancing around him. Paper tells of heat wave. Certainly excessive for England. [illegible] [illegible]. W. Alfred [illegible] Russell [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] arriving Dublin Aug. 9. Peter telephoned John [illegible] and took children over to Middleton to bathe. Got to rest. I slept. She didn't. Tea. Read Times. To studio and examined Hayley supposed portrait of John Gay. Someone has punched holes in eyes & mouth. C. [illegible] [illegible] but I found it too drastically [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from

[illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]; I made [illegible] as
he is so extravagant with them. After dinner
[illegible] Bruce's Young England

Sunday, July 17

6th Sunday after Trinity

Another hot day. Breakfast 9.30. C. & I to church. When we came back Peter and Thomas and Bobbie in running drawers, stripped to waist. Mrs. Wright's daughters Pauline Rathbone and Faith Wright came to luncheon. Pauline said her mother was brought up with Susie Sedgwick and she had heard of all my old friends. Peter wanted to give Pauline gin. I said rather crossly that he must be satisfied with sherry. After luncheon C. & I finished Sunday papers. Too hot to go out. Peter had cleaned and displayed his bits of Roman Pottery that he got in the mud flats of the Thames estuary. Read Bruel. Rested. C. & I tea alone. Read Dead Sea Scrolls in New Yorker & marked parallel passages in S. John's Gospel and Manual of Discipline. Peter came back w. children from tea at Wrights. Children dressed up in Wrights costumes for their absurd play. I made drinks

After dinner read Bruel. Peter bed early.

Monday, July 18

Peter up early to go back to London. Noise and movement from about 5 o'c. Tried to sleep without much success. Up 8.30 Breakfast – 10. Sawed off dead branches from old box tree by side gate. Got Mr Crookhurst to attend to Annexe key. Mrs. Annie volunteered that she had left kitchen door unlocked. Planned hedge and creeper pruning with Mr Crookhurst. Sent picture p.c. to Mr Miller on hearing from him of his appointment as [illegible]. Gave Babbie his arithmetic lesson. Children rather noisy at luncheon. Weather grey and cooler with a little rain. Read Times. To rest early. Tea 5.30. Babbie has violent head-ache. I called up Temple but he was not in. Babbie fell into quiet sleep. He had his arithmetic lesson as usual this morning. Viola came & G. went her to [illegible] over. Read Bruce. Made drinks. After dinner read Bruce. Babbie O.K.!

Cool gray windy day:

Tuesday, July 19

Children in B-
room in early morning
according to their perfected
indulgence. C. very tired.
Children say they do not want
their parents to come as then
they will have to go to bed
earlier. C. worried over
Thomas's [illegible] to scale
W. 4th City about their
diseased chickens. C gives
Bobbie his Arithmatic lesson.
Luncheon and Childrens
talk about whales. Read Times.
Weather seems to have changed
decidedly cool but I am going
to try not to remove my woollen
for consistently as can [illegible].
Rested. John Mathias called up and
asked if he could come over to see you
with his brother-in-law Emanuel
de la Vergnie. Made drinks but
the brother in law would not take
any. He is very handsome. They
stayed from 6.45 – 8. after dinner finished

[illegible] Bunkie's from England. [illegible] Bobbie Card

Pleasant day but a bit
Wednesday, July 20
unsettled — and Con[illegible]
Clementine called up and
talked to C. about leaving the flat.
And also about our Dick-
Terlund. W. Bruce about
his "Jour England" Came Kate
her Eye-exercises as C. was
writing to Antoinette in reply to
her appeal for help in urging
the abolition of capital
punishment. The case of
Ruth Ellis has roused Antoinette.
After lunch. down to store and
cashed cheque for C. Read Times
Jacob Dallison came again for
Viola Thaskin she was having
luncheon here. S. Rested. Claydon
took Gladys away to see Viola.
Up, had not slept had tea alone
Viola has sold another story to
New Yorker and insisted on paying
back C. for what she had C. get
Tried to get Bobbie's bear from
the gutter. Made drinks. After
dinner listened to radio: Yehudi
Menuhin on George Enesco

Woman next door came to ask C. to [illegible]

[illegible]

Cool grey day. 10.

Thursday, July 21

4th City Building Scty. Mr Crawhurst- got Bobbie's bear down from gutter of roof. Tel. Amberley Station and Guildford Station about train to Reading and Cozens for a car to Guildford. Curry had telephoned that he wants us before lunch on Saturday for the Jane Austen celebration. Started packing suitcase. Letter fr. Rogers business depressed. After lunch picked buckeyes for hall table, from bush below tennis court. Read Times. Rested Tea 6 o'c. G. didnot sleep. Read book by Guy Chapman on Dreyfus case. Meadowcroft arrived. G. moved Bubbles and Thomas out into Annexe where they seem quite content. Made their drink. After dinner. Read Evening Standard and New Yorker. Alfreda and Brian

sleeping over tonight. W. draft-letter

to Rogers

accidentally left [illegible] in

Friday, July 22

front open and disturbed by starting some [illegible] [illegible] at 60°c and could not stop again. Spectator that has become rather sensational [illegible] of Capital Punishment letters and comments. Called up Mr Claydon who says it takes about an [illegible] to [illegible] to [illegible]. E. called up BOAC Alfreda's plane due 12.30 or 1.00 depending on stopping at Shannon. Cleaned my enamel [illegible] to take to Stratford Saga. Folded white coat to take for E. Called up BOAC A's flight stopped Shannon will arrive 2.30 London air port. After lunch started copying my draft letter to Roger. After tea [illegible] 3 [illegible] old clock man came and fixed our dining room clock. Tel. BOAC 35c A's flight has arrived. Ruth Alfreda + B. arrived and are at Fawcetts and telephoned Ruth. Peter telephoned after our [illegible]. Starting at 7 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Packed. Made drinks for E. & me

B.O.A. arrived 6.30 A's figures amazingly [illegible]

Peter [illegible] Vienna [illegible]

woke 3 or 2 and did not sleep properly after that. Up 6.30 and had breakfast at 8. Alfreda about in dressing gown and children up. C. up and dressed soon after 9 and car from Cosens came soon after. Brian down and C. and I left about 9.40. To Guildford in good time for 10.55. First class saloon car w. lavatory. Cool misty morning became hot out hot day. C. Seely met us 11.48 and drove us to Stratfield Saye. Speaker [illegible] and Cynthia Asquith arrived soon after. Beautiful Spanish rugs in downstairs gallery and drawing rooms. Mr Needham the librarian had luncheon with us. Then after luncheon we went to Jane Austen celebration, address by [illegible]. Arthur Bryant read from his book in time. To [illegible] Jane Austen house. Long drive there and back. C. rested 5 minutes before dinner. Scrabble

letter game. Dame Horatia v Cynthia winning

Horatia [illegible] over game. Then [illegible]

Woke up 2.30 and wanted
to relieve Sunday, July 24 my mind
thought I was at Amherst. Couldn't
find light or anything. Awful
time. Finally got to 7th Sunday after Trinity sleep again.
Called 7.40 on time for breakfast
w Cerry. Laurie breakfast in
bed. Looked at papers. Walked to
church with Cynthia. Cerry drove
Horatia. Candy stayed at home
up late. Started to walk home
while Cerry and Laurie looked at
things. They picked me up. Mr
Needham came to lunch. Talked
and looked at things. Cerry
took Horatia to see Carleton's
C. M. [illegible]. Down to see with
Cynthia. Cerry and Horatia
came back and Cerry took
C. Cynthia and me to see Valeed's
house and children. Much better
than Mrs. [illegible] showed
that Diana is getting on. [illegible]
Charming children. Pair of [illegible]
[illegible] and servants. Quite often
[illegible]. V. + D. at polo at Cowdray.
Home sat outside. Cerry has bought
many more [illegible]. [illegible]
drinks. Scrabble w Mr. Needham

and Cynthia's. Cerry & Cynthia [illegible]

with [illegible]

Wake six and doze till 7.30

[illegible] **Monday, July 25** [illegible]

Shaved and packed and forgot my bath with the result that I was ready long before anyone. Saw C. [illegible] breakfast. Finally down about 9 as the breakfast gong sounded. My tea and toast ready in dining-room for one. Cecily came down in uniform trousers and country shirt. Upstairs and had to wait for C. to finish her bath. Finally finished my toilet and down where to see Cecily in her [illegible] and orders to receive Queen at Winchester. Finished packing. Cynthia had bad night and in nervous state. Shed lost diamond out of her bracelet. She went up and tried [illegible] C. who was with [illegible] and yelled at her. Off at [illegible] and Cecily caught London train. C. & Cynthia talked amicably. To Hyde Park Gardens and across Park to Knightsbridge [illegible] Grace there. Cleaned desk drawers & C. to Harrods. [illegible] lunch [illegible]. got w. McFall – Hotel Russell

Cheerio. Again to R.H. Found [illegible]
got away [illegible]

[illegible] Dorchester. To [illegible] Russell [illegible]

Tuesday, July 26

Slept late. Up 8.30. G. + A talking in dining room when I got down. A. admired my new Lovat style Scottish tweed suit. Dull morning clearing to brighter. Down to wood with G.J. + A. to look at hammock and to raspberry cage to look at currant gooseberries and raspberries. Sun out and quite warm. After lunch Alfreda went up to London for a party given by Lord Amherst taking Georgy Hamilton with her. She was pretty and simply dressed and showed off her beautiful figure. Read Times. Rested. Tea. G. had letter from Stephanie that she had been to see Mme Clavier who want to let her apartment but it is too small for Stephanie and Mme Clavier is asking too much. Looked at Cecil Beaton's photography book. Made drinks. After dinner I spent evening on Times Cross Word puzzle. G. said that Thomas had asked when was Nancy coming back and she told him to ask his mother.

Not to bed last night until 12.45

Wednesday, July 27

Slept until 8.30 and not awakened by Children as Bubbie & Thomas sleep in Annexe since Alfreda's arrival. Breakfast 10 o'c. C. came down before I finished. D. Mirror tells of Col. Wintle sent to prison for assaulting Solicitor Nye who got 10,000 out of Wintle's old Cousin. W. [illegible] about it. Call from Hammonds man to see about electric defect. Thomas consulted me about play. Letter fr. Bruce about his next book. C. & I lunch w. Children. W. Bruce. Rested and slept well but C. did not and has not for several days. Tea 5.30 P.D. [illegible]. Worked with Thomas on programme for his play The Thief in the Captain's Cabin. Peter arrived from Duke of Norfolk's ball and dressed for dinner. Feeling? He deeply hurt C. by careless reference to his name

Made dictation for notes and corrections

After dinner

Thursday, July 28

Peter got home about 4 o'c and woke called by telephone at 6-15, I got up and had a word with him before he drove off. He left his car at station as he did not feel equal to driving to London after so little sleep. He said he had a good time at Norfolk dance & will pick up car when he comes back from London today. After breakfast spoke to Mr [illegible] about oak bar that has come off hall table. Down to village. Cashed cheques. Got silkish thread and darning wool Mr. Bacon and paper & stamps Post office. After luncheon started to plan the Children's play programme. Rested. Alfred returned while G & I were asleep and picked up Peter's car at the station. After tea I worked on children's programme and made drinks. Mrs [illegible] was in London all day and after dinner A. fetched her at the station in Peter's car. Spent evening on Children's programme while G & A engaged in a sort of desultory conversation

Woke 6 o'c with things on my mind but slept 7-8.30

Friday, July 29

After breakfast talk Crowhurst about elder trimming & creepers. Another lovely day. A. took C & Peter in car to Arundel with children to have the boys hair cut. I make copies of childrens play programmes. Hyde of Stanptons called me up as somebody wants to rent this house for 6 months. I said not till October at earliest. Fanny got back from Arundel at 10 o'c. She looked a little better but says she cannot any longer go up to bath room to do leg bath exercises. A. took her home in Peter's car. I did play programmes and up to rest at 4 o'c. Tea 5.30 Peter not arrived by train. I worked on play programmes till dinner. Peter & A. went to dinner and party at Wrights. C. assisted children in going to bed. A bit cooler tonight and I had a little fire. Alfreda very good-looking & with beautiful damask complexion. C. & I to bed before they got back

Saturday, July 30

Trinity Law Sittings end

SLEPT well. Another pleasant warm day with misty sun. Peter off in his car at 9 to spend Sunday with Mrs Davenport near Leeds. Her husband old and does not mind her leaving. I saw Mr [illegible] and Charley. Gave Kathie book of tables for income tax on wages. Worked on play programmes before and after lunch. Slept 3.30 – 5. Tea. Worked on play programmes until by 7.30 I had completed 12 which I gave to Thomas. Made drinks for G. & A. After dinner read Times, New Statesman and Spectator. Article and letters against Capital Punishment in Spectator and Economist. Comment on Colonel [illegible] in New Statesman. Talk Alfreda about Hadley as she says Russell is not capable of doing anything about it and it is doubtful if the [illegible] or anyone else in the family care enough about the house to do anything

Sunday, July 31

8th Sunday after Trinity

Another day of misty sunshine somewhat troubled night of dreams and worried thoughts. Up 7.45 Breakfast 9. Out to terrace to get the air. Considered letter about this. C. A. & I to church Bishop [illegible] away and service taken by young Chaplain of the Bishop of Chichester. Discussed Christian belief after service. A. refers to one of the [illegible] who is Rector of St. James Madison Avenue. Faith Wright came to luncheon brought over by Tim and a carful of young people. Read S. Times after lunch. A. dressed children to do their play with scenery and not costumes. Washed out my old work cloth that I lent Thomas for [illegible] study on stage for his play with ashes. Rested. T [illegible] us. C. & A. to latter in [illegible] about Read Observer interesting article by [illegible] Weapons and Earth Satellites. The [illegible] arrangements with children for their play. Drinks [illegible]. C. & A. After dinner read passing the [illegible]. Bed early

Bright morning & promising best August Bank Holiday for 8 years. A.

Monday, August 1

SCOTTISH QUARTER DAY *(Lammas)* *Bank Holiday (prov.)*

Wild Fowl Shooting begins

went to Slough by bus and got Car to take Children to stay with Barker family. Their Uncle will meet them at Winchester. Paid bills. Addressed envelopes for Staff tips. Sent till receipts for April 5, 54 to April 5, 55 with covering letter. C. & I lunch alone. Day becoming duller with only occasional bright sun. Read Times. Sewed button on blue shirt. Rested. Tea wi. C. & A. who had come back from leaving Children. A. took us for little drive before returning Car and we saw Wright's house an old cottage enlarged much worse than this. Then she went to Slough and came back by bus. I looked at Hadley file. Made drafts with Coy's brought by Alfred. After dinner C. & A. talked of London plans. I dallied w. Times & word

A. did the crossword Clues w. her + tried

OPFA [illegible] I have [illegible] for bed

Alfreda left for London
Tuesday, August 2
walking to station
at 9.45. Another warm day
of misty sun. Tried to get
Air Ringway to confirm reservation
for her S.A. Monday but all lines
engaged. Tel. from Roger
Minty has died. He and Moyra
expect to go to Italy on Sunday.
Says that he thinks Percy can
see well enough to walk about
but is too lazy. W. Yeates
Merton. W. Westminster to transfer
500 to current a/c. Got Air Ringway
+ confirmed reservation. To P.O.
and posted receipts to T.W. Day
turning out hot + bright sun.
After lunch studied + saw that A
practically finished last night.
She has a great gift for these puzzles.
Read Times. To post 3.30
Down to tea 5.30 w. C. Read
book by W.H. Bennett on Bible.
Made drinks for A. & me. After
dinner read New Testament.
Got an idea of Gospel of St John
as distinguished from [illegible]
[illegible] other books. Poe's
[illegible] Stories, Elsie Venner

Wednesday, August 3

Up 7.30 C. & I took 10.10 Train to London. Read Times in train. Light rain as Claydon took us to station. At Victoria I took C. to Peter Jones in Sloane Square and myself went on in Taxi to Club place where I found MacFall waiting for me beside Harley's bust. I very fine as a work of classic beauty. He is very proud of it. I took 11 Bus to St Martins Church and gave Westminster Bank U.S. cheques for $90. which they will cash and get about £30. to cover journey to Ireland and back. To Sanders & asked for proof of lettering for Harley's photograph reproduction. Joined C. & H. & Moore & Robert Neale for lunch at Scotts. Got cheese and olives at Paxton, Chinese & Vermouth Jacksons. To [illegible] House and made up envelopes of staff tips which I gave to Manager Baker. Bus to Victoria with heavy parcel. Joined by C. Brief nap. Met by Claydon. Lovely evening & drinks before dinner. Accounts

Ne: after: W. Emp: Rin Air fresh Day

woke 6 and slept semi-consciously after that. up 8.45.

Thursday, August 4

Dull damp early morning turning

Birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother (1900)

into warm misty August day. W. Renny Robinson. About our arrival in Dublin. Paid Hy Smith for putting up flat for Alfred £74. Breakfast 10.15. Q. tells Pronunciation paper from Catherine now coming every week. She does not seem to be eating herself so much. Viola came to lunch. Her time here seems her only pleasure. She is fuller but looks better. After lunch got Creakhart to put up quilt in studio as back curtain for children's play. Mr Wilfred Megill [illegible] came in car for Viola and I took her & her son out on terrace to see view. Sewed up front of another pair of drawers. Rested 4-6. Weighed myself 8 stone 10. Thought I must be eating enough because my 2 rings keep dropping off my little finger – my wedding ring and [illegible] [illegible]. Sorted my underclothes. Read Times. Made [illegible].

After dinner read Times. Mended drawers.

[illegible] reading [illegible]

Friday, August 5

Up 7 o'C. Good night. After breakfast read Spectator and New Statesman. Both still writing against capital punishment. Telephoned Paiz for Cuprinol against wood-worm. Pinned cloth on children's back curtain to cover window. Another lovely summer day. Read Times after lunch. Rested. C. & I tea 5.45. Read Denis's book of poetry. Muriel Munro called up to ask Peter and Alfreda to come over to play tennis. She says they have no resident servant & proposed that we all come over to see them after tea. I made drinks and then C. & I waited on steps for Peter's car that finally arrived 7.15 pm. Peter, Stephen Danieff, Alfreda and the 3 children. We had our drinks and dinner and then the children were put to bed. Evening spent in desultory talk. They all went down to Black Head and got lobsters, which they dealt

Peter to sleep [illegible] and C. as usual that

Saturday, August 6

Up 8.30 but got down before C. as I am always expecting to hear from Viking Press about [illegible] and must - was there letter first. This morning I have at last given the long air envelope with their name. Read it in some trepidation. Enthusiastic praise and unqualified acceptance. Well - intelligent suggestion for revision. Up and told C. with deep mutual emotion. G. is immensely relieved and gratified and confident. Talk of it to Alfred and Peter but G. wishes to preserve anonymity which of course she cannot. G + I to Chichester driven by Alfreda in Peter's car with Kallie. Found old frame in antique shop and took it to picture framer opposite Cathedral whose works are in Bognor. Home. Luncheon. Peter and Stephen had been playing croquet with children. After luncheon the whole country side trooped to Castle fete for Conservative party. I [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] farm yard to get paraffin to soften old paint [illegible] to apply warm rubbing [illegible] for [illegible]. Rest. G had cold [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible]

watched Mrs Brittenbach and 2 little girls
C. sent me out a cup of tea. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Sunday, August 7

9th Sunday after Trinity

Morning of cloud and faint sun. Up 9. Peter Alfreda Stephen and children all off early to dig. Ronnie remains with young Bertram. I wound clocks and hunted keys for Brett clock in North room. Young people took up rugs this last night for dancing. Read Observer. They all came back from their digging with a Roman Fibula [illegible] from the pin of a Roman brooch which proved the subject of a bitter quarrel at luncheon between. Alfreda and Peter somehow concluded with the child who found it kept it. After lunch, filled in insurance form for Irish pony. Read Sunday Times. Rested. Tea. C. Peter Stephen & Alfreda went to Munros where they had a pleasant time on other Martinis. I walked about place and got bamboo for Bobby for arrows. Made drinks. They did not come back till 8 and did not much want my drinks

Peter & Stephen went [illegible] to [illegible].

Up 7.0 sorted out my
toilet things for packing &
breakfast 8.30. Finished my

Monday, August 8

W. C. business and then com-
pleted my packing with my
enamel basin. C. gave
Ayesha last instructions and
I told her about Stanley files
Mr Claydon came at 10.50
and we went to London by
11.20 train. At Victoria we
took a taxi and C. got out
at Harrods and I went on to
Kensington House. Restaurant
closed so I went out at once
and got sandwich and beer
at Pakenham Arms and cherries
at fruit stall. Back to K.H.
and opened chest in hall and
got out the things that [illegible]
has [illegible] for [illegible]. C. [illegible]
[illegible] then [illegible] at Harrods
[illegible] lines [illegible] Ayesha and [illegible]
went to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] tea and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] and C. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] all the
[illegible] to [illegible]. [illegible] and

Expenses [illegible]

[illegible]

Tuesday, August 9

Bad cramp in night but plenty of sleep. Daily eggs small but up to date. Up [illegible] Bath etc. Shaved after breakfast in room. Saw nice young [illegible] about lights & heat windows & stairs. Damp dull weather. C & I out to Bank of Ireland and by giving Alfred Bell's name cashed Andrews' cheque for $100. and got £25 + Back to hotel and found Lennox Robinson and his little plain dumpy but clever knowledgeable wife. Pleasant luncheon together and then went round to see Jack B. Yeats and his recent very modern pictures. We had seen Alfred and Clementine who were having luncheon at the Russell with his cousins the [illegible]. Back and then early dinner, I had only plate of thick soup!. On to Queens Abbey Theatre where we were met by Lennox and had a box for play Blood is thicker than water interestingly Irish and well acted. Home to bed

Up 7.30 Breakfast in our

Wednesday, August 10

room. Out and tried to get a Claddagh ring but only found a sketch. Lovely cool sunny day. Back to hotel and ordered a dinner. Later C. & I went to the Aer Lingus in O'Connell St. and reserved places in plane for London next Tuesday. Walked about a bit and then returned to hotel in time for Alfred's Chevrolet car to take us out to Russborough. Beautiful drive and glorious lakes and hills. Wonderful house & grounds with Curzon & Wes & the cousin the Lapotas staying there. Lord & Lady Mount Charles and Lord & Lady Herbert & their son Charles there. Like us for lunch. Went over house before lunch and garden after. Everyone very pleasant. C. got on particularly well with Herbert. Home 5 o'c. Called up Cazorla & asked him to lunch on Friday. C & I rested but disturbed by noisy children in part of hotel. Down for drink. Joined by Herbert and Michael Rabor. Dinner lobster & raspberry ice cream. Up & read in bed.

A bit draughty so I took a pullover up [illegible]

Thursday, August 11

Slept well, mouth a bit burnt from that tablet but a bit anaesthetic under my tongue. Up 7 o'c shaved and did my bath exercises and all. Then C and I had our breakfasts and then I finished reading Lennox's Pictures in a Theatre at 10.30. I went down stairs first and walked along the side of St Stephens Green. Fine houses, many of them now in official use. When I got back taxi driver McMahon had arrived and we set out sight seeing, St Patrick's Cathedral, Trinity College, Custom House, Four Courts, Phoenix Park. Paid him £2. Back to hotel. Alec O'Connor called [illegible] back. I had felt rather weak and shaken and fearful of a call - sort of Earl would think is ail, but after Lennox arrived and we all had a drink I felt fit enough. Lunch at United Arts Club and then Lennox took us to see the pictures in the old burnt out Abbey [illegible] back. Tea. C and I wrote and drafted letter to Cooney. Irish whiskey before dinner - Benedictine after

Friday, August 12

Grouse Shooting begins

Took Intestinal again this morning and feel better. Wore [illegible] thicker drawers and green pullover so will be warmer. Up 7.30. Mick O'Connor arrived about 10.45 and we went sight seeing in taxi. Kings Hospital school, customs house, Four Courts, Trinity College, King's Inn, Court where Robert Emmet was tried, Phoenix Park, Sheridan House and back for luncheon at Russell Hotel with Dr & Mrs Gogarty. She is said to be awfully [illegible] unhappy with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of which this seems to be one. Amelia also was there [illegible] pretty [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible] so [illegible] left Beatrice Lillie. The Gogartys left at once after lunch so we had a little wet-land play at 4.30 starting for Slane Castle but after car broke down with [illegible] tyre and [illegible] [illegible] with Father [illegible] and a [illegible] took us on. The Lord and [illegible] were there and Lord and Lady Mount Charles showed us over the house wonderful Castle [illegible] Round Room where they have hung magnificent portrait of George IV the Conynghams. Our car got fixed up and came for us. Brief

dinner – session of party at [illegible] up 8 oz. My throat seems all right but my head is a bit shaky from drinking too much last night. Had breakfast slowly and talked and did not start out until after eleven. Gladys made the plan of walking to Merrion Square and looking at the pictures in the National Gallery in Merrion Sq and then walking on to Jammet's for lunch. Merrion Square proved farther than we thought and we first got to the museum where we saw skeletons of the great horned deer. Then we spent a long time in the Art Gallery where I specially liked Rodin's Bronze Age figure of a youth, Zurbaran's St Justa and Coello's young prince. We both got very tired and I made the mistake of telling G. that I hardly thought I could walk to Jammet's. We could not find a taxi and we both were cross and exhausted when we reached Jammet's. But cocktails and lunch restored us. We talked to handsome woman at next table who had lived in Ethiopia and knew [illegible]. After lunch drove in taxi to Municipal gallery. Pictures by Jack Yeats. Home

Saturday, August 13

[illegible] · Tea 4oz.

Sunday, August 14

10th Sunday after Trinity

up 9 o'c. Good night and fair well. Bath and breakfast before shaving. Copied my letter to Mr. Carnegie which C. was having her bath. Weather seems warm but dull. We intended to go to the service at St. Patricks but we only got there as the congregation was coming out. We stayed some time and saw the marble tablet to Stella by the door and the brass plate in the floor where Swift & Stella are buried. Came back in time for luncheon at the hotel and then rested. C. slept but I didn't. Tea for me and ginger ale for C. Then we had a car and went over the Dublin Mountains, the Feather Bed, the Sugarloaf, the Scalp, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]; [illegible] in the valley and Powerscourt; place

& cognac, dinner & [illegible] at 9 o'c.

Fitful night. Up 8.15. Warm

Monday, August 15

sunny morning.
Ulick called at 11 and we went in a taxi out of Dublin

Birthday of H.R.H. Princess Anne (1950)

through Monkstown to the seaside at Black Rock where we saw Howth across the bay. The tower to defend Dublin against Napoleon where Joyce and Gogarty lived as students until they quarrelled owing to Gogarty's practical jokes and Joyce's careless views about money and so on until we could see Sugar Loaf and the Dublin mountains across the bay. Beautiful and famous view. Back to Municipal gallery where Ulick showed us portrait of Countess Markievicz and other prominent Irish persons Hugh Lane by Sargent. [illegible] Yeats and [illegible] by Lavery. Luncheon with Lennox at Jammets. Then to Tweed shop where we bought a suit length for [illegible]. Then to Mitchells wine shop where I ordered 12 bottles of Liebfraumilch for Lennox. Home rested but could not sleep. Tea – Packed. Ulick Came to dinner +

stayed till 12. I came up stairs & went to bed

so " X to

up 7 o'c. after a rather wakeful Tuesday, August 16 night another fair day. Finished bath breakfast and my morning business by 9.30 and my packing by ten. Then sat round giving C. a hand now & then as she packed her gift case. She had packed things in yesterday. Down to get bill of £66.0.10. C. & I out in taxi to Bank of Ireland. She cashed a large American cheque and I cashed one for $130 & got £63.12.3. Sat in grounds of Trinity College and admired buildings. Then taxi to Mitchells and paid for [illegible] ½ year subscription. Then home stopping to have a look at [illegible] in the news shop. Paid bill. Ate lunch. Tipped hall-porter in addition to staff 10% on bill. Took Dr. Cagney who was having luncheon with a dress designer. Taxi to airport. C. frightened again. Quick easy flight 2.10 — 3.30. Bus to Cleveland Rd. got grape fruit & orange. Tea in flat. Alfredo & Thomas

Thomas [illegible] home & I unpacked check in hall

arrived and we all went to dinner with Pello to Speranza. Others went to cinema

Slept well. up 8 o'c.

Wednesday, August 17

Made tea & Telephoned to barber and made an appointment. Alfreda likes the Irish tweed we bought her and she and C went round to Roberts to see about having it made into a coat & skirt. I took a no 9 bus, and I find I can see the numbers on busses as well as I did last year. Succeeded in getting off at Albemarle Street and had my hair cut by a Mr Bland, Mr Leonard being on holiday. Then to Athenaeum which was closed members being guests of United Services where I had lunch. Looked up Count Charles in Who's Who. Met C. at Dibbens and left my studs to be made into ear rings for Alfreda. She had her wrist watch properly cleaned while we waited. Home by taxi. Tea, no milk in flat, but Skimming got some for us from other flat. Peter and Michael Jeffs to dinner at White Tower – back for dinner at flat

Up 7 o'c Dull mild day

Thursday, August 18

Alfreda about getting breakfast and all for himself & Thomas. They went down stairs at 8.30 & went for Wahlheim & to taxi for them. They are flying with their car on board to Paris & then motoring to join Bessie in Geneva. Phoned [illegible] Lewis & tel. to Watson that sample for suit of my new suit is all right. Took scalloped mahogany tray to Pratts in Brompton Rd to get him to polish it & rescue [illegible] & wet. Tried without success to get rubber nail-brush. Got blue grapes. To Victoria for Amberley tickets. Back to Knightsbridge and got lunch Packingham Arms. Home at [illegible]. C. having luncheon with Gladys Robertson. Rested in chair 2.30 - 3.30 C. back from Gladys: She gets no phone from Donald's wife or children. Made tea and to Victoria for 5.14 train wh. we nearly missed owing to crowds into Kate. Drinks. Dinner. Unpacked

to security of parties. Baggers, Kate

Mrs. R. & Engle on much to [illegible]

Woke six & and soon slept again good night

Friday, August 19

up 8.45 Read D. Mirror full of Princess Margaret's 25th birthday tomorrow when she can to a certain extent decide herself about marrying Capt. Peter Townsend. Out and picked faded flowers & their seed pods off the evening primroses and picked up apples under early apple tree below terrace. W. draft reply to Gerry Wellington's letter about the Amsterdam Rijksmuseum replica as original of our Fontainebleau School painting of Joseph and Potiphar's wife. Luncheon with Bobbie & Katie. After luncheon went on with my letter to Gerry until I went to sleep at 3.20 up and tea 4:20. Diana [illegible] copies and finished letter to Gerry. Made drinks. Peter arrived and we had drinks and dinner. He went to bed early. I read Times. Letter criticising Ministry's policy towards E-on and not supplanting the arbitrary methods of hospital boards towards staff doctors. It has been a cloudy warm summer day of sunshine and clouds.

Slept well. Another grey
Saturday, August 20
morning. Summons to
Sullivan's. Sun. Paid
Hammond. W. Emp. Rec.
D. Mirror pict of Princess
Margaret 25 tomorrow
Down to orchard and found
Peter, C. and children looking
at squashes and corn. Day
really hot. Peter went down
to P.O. and sent off Alfreda's
parcel of typescript by a
friend to Seeley Huntington and
got one bottle of whiskey and
1 Rum. Sorted paper and letters
on window seat by my chair.
Luncheon after which Peter took
children in car up on Downs
Looked up Times of August 16 and read
obituary of Herbert Putnam age 93
C. was reading Times [illegible]
Peter's [illegible]. Out and picked
off withered blooms from evening
primroses. Up to rest 3.30. Slept
Down to tea 5.30 Peter & children
back from Downs where Katie had
lost her shirt and was naked above
waist. A hot day. Tea. Peter took
C. to see Viola & he went to see Foster

[illegible] Peter's dinner & rides [illegible] Sand - until the End

Read Times. Made sheets say: we [illegible]
Lizzie when Peter & C. came home

Sunday, August 21

11th Sunday after Trinity

Up 9.10 – Another fine and still hotter day. Brushed my Scotch Coat trying to get off the balls of wool. Breakfast 9.45 joined by C. To church with Bobbie who slipped out before the sermon. Another family in our pew so we sat behind. 1st lesson wonderful story of Naaman. Petty had picked a basket of Beauty of Bath apples to take some up to London. We went to luncheon with Lutony Bertram. Charley had found my "Please help yourself" sign and Bobbie lent me a piece of chalk to freshen it up. Read S. Times. After lunch cleaned big apple bowl and with Katie picked some more apples. Looked at Observer. Rested. Put up sign and filled bowl with apples as people were going to evensong. I started letter to John K. Read S. Times. Bowl nearly empty. Dinner in together with Peter & C. After dinner C. & Peter, Katie &

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Peter got drinks in and read Observer heard Eugie come back from her outing with Clugdon after 12 last night. Peter got up at 7 and left by half past. I went down stairs in my pyjamas to say good bye and did not sleep after that well. Babbie read aloud. Papers announce a marriage of John Maude divorced to Lady Dufferin twice divorced. She was a governess with bad reputation. He was a Catholic out-cast. Such goings on fit to be a judge. G. arranged for Nannie Vera to be sent to New Malden and children heard her telephone and asked questions. Went down to see if there were any early apples in the orchard and found trees cut down. Took children out on terrace and told them of Nannie's death. They had thought that something like this had happened. Picked up apples. Luncheon. Finished letter to John about Bruce + Duncan. Hottest day. Picked up big box of apples + got Crawford to fetch it up on wheelbarrow

Rested but did not sleep. Tea 5:30. Called

Reading in the S: Read Times. Millie did

Bobbie had a restless night probably

Tuesday, August 23

due to news of Nannie's death. Another warm day but tempered by mist. Up earlier and breakfast 9.30 this experiment of nothing to eat at all and it seemed to suit me. Put some more apples in the bowl out for the villagers. Answered Mr D. Wheeler pledge not to mention Pelham Margaret for Townsend this year again. Settled down to write to Bruce after doing a bit of account and paying a few bills. Red headed Flora Reed with the children as usual all naked above the waist. Showed children Apple Room which they praised to all, thinking as I supposed, there were apple trees. G.B. left early and to Petworth with Bobbie and Kate to [illegible] Wyndham & her grandchildren. Finished letter to Bruce after my rest and tea. G + Children came

home 7.30 after pleasant visit – Drinks
Spent evening putting a tuck in sleeve of cotton shirt.

Another hot day. Woke 7 up 8.

Wednesday, August 24

Again only oranges and tea for breakfast. I picked & picked up another basket of Beauty of Bath apples and replenished bowl. Letter from Marguerite Stanton Mr Purdy de-appreciating new book. E. Wyndham telephoned and spoke charmingly of children to C. Called up with great difficulty Cough. Bayswater 4473 about picture frames. Worked on Tulls income tax question at luncheon. W. Blythe Putnam & Ethels death! Rested. Tea. Made tuck in second sleeve of cotton shirt not quite so difficult as last night. 2 naps before dinner. Finished shirt and read Times after dinner and started reading C's novel again in connection with Mr Colwell's criticism. Made note of many minor points and got through only a few pages before it was 12 when I went to bed.

Thursday, August 25

Dreamt of C's novel and the drinks in Milan. Woke 6 & finally slept till 8. Children quiet because they sat up so late. Eggs no good for breakfast. Out and replenished apple bowl and picked a lot of fine peaches nearly ripe. Dibbles sent packet of pearls — they said 3 but I found only two. C. replied to very depressed letter from Catharine. Found 3rd pearl and sent them back to Dibbles. Peaches for luncheon. C. read Paul's letter of June 17 & wants to send an angry reply. Rested. Tea. Sketch of Gainsborough in Irish Tatler sent by Lennox. Post card to him. Drinks, peaches after. Getting dark early. After dinner I worked on C's novel and finished notes on first chapter. Spoke to her about reference to Bridge game where she means deal, but she insisted

Another misty morning turning
to sun. Friday, August 26 I woke
5 convinced it was 9 Dozed and
looked at clock every hour till
7. Got up 7.45. Feeling tired
and weak. I think I must stop
drinking again. Breakfast 9.15
Afterwards pearl earrings made
from my studs and my studs
made better match with very nice
cultured pearls. Saw Mrs
Lennox [illegible] for [illegible]
at luncheon today, D. [illegible]
stranger. Anti-capital punishment
campaign headed by Victor Gollancz
Y. Dibden about pearls. Down
lower terrace and picked up
apples - very difficult on steep
slope. Cut a lot of apples
[illegible] I left in cardboard box.
Nicola to lunch, only 2 glasses
of sherry so I did not have any
Told Cruickshank to [illegible] up
apples, Jacob called for [illegible]
Talked of capital punishment.
Rested. Tea. Resting had done
me good. Read Times. Had drink

for a. accounts after dinner. and

Madame Solario

Good night. Woke 7 o'c
up 7.45

Saturday, August 27

Finished breakfast before C. came down. Cranhurst sweeping lawn. Asked him to make very few apple racks. Put some more apples in village boxes. Much cooler today. Tried peaches but no more seem to be ripe. Settled down to read Mme Salario till luncheon making occasional notes. After luncheon read Times and then went up to rest at 2.30 Slept deeply. Down at 5 before C. and started again on Madame Salario. Very devoted. Read on till 7.40. Then made C. a drink. Did not have any myself. We rather expected Peter as he only said that he was not coming last night. C. a little anxious. But he did not come. After dinner returned to Madame Salario and finished part. Found it very interesting Talked to C about it.
To bed actually 12.20

Sunday, August 28

12th Sunday after Trinity

Woke 7 dozed till 7.45 Breakfast 9.15 Read New Statesman at breakfast. Front page editorial on Princess Margaret defending Daily Mirror publicity and approving of her marriage with Peter Townsend if she desires it. E. & I to Church. Bishop read the lessons as Mr Scott was away. Weather cooler and practically no sun. Read [illegible]. Peter called up would be down in time for tea. After lunch read Sunday Times. Children have lost one of their [illegible] Croquet ball. Rested. Peter arrived just before I went upstairs. Slept. Tea 5.30. Mr & Mrs Frederick Miller Marion & Mr [illegible] & Mrs Antrich came and we [illegible] over the hall. Read S. Times Peter made drinks for himself & G. After dinner [illegible] at Nuf

Yorkers and Spectator.

Misty day and cooler. up 8.10 breakfast

Monday, August 29

9.30 joined by Peter. Down to apple tree and picked a few apples from ground and tree. Replenished Sillage bowl and dish for children. C. & Peter and Mr. Chalkley drove to Storrington for ice cream. W. Corinna Lindon Smith Peche Melba for luncheon After lunch Peter took C. and children to Chichester for no particular reason. I looked for Peter red croquet ball that children lost. Could not find it. To rest 3-4.30. They returned just as I was getting up. C. rested. I had tea etc: Peter worked on Mme Salarco and then started going over it w. C. Peter got drinks for himself & C. Dinner & cooked peaches after. Ezzie has gone on holiday

Read Gogarty's As I was going down Sackville St.

Heavy mist clearing at 11.

Tuesday, August 30

C. had letter from Covici with detailed report from Malcolm Cowley. Peter and I had breakfast 9.30. C. 10.15. I went out and tried peaches – only 2 more ripe. W. Maude Royden. Peter went to luncheon with Tim Rathbone. We had quantities of corn which the children ate with miles of butter. Read Times. Up to rest 3.20. Tea 5.45. Day cooler, misty sun, sky not clear. Bishop and his wife probably away – Max [illegible] dachshund barking in the street all day. Made list of things of ours at Hadley. Woodward arrived fetched at station by Peter. Made rum drink for C. and Peter and sat with them on the loggia. Children collecting scraps of broken china for a mosaic. Dinner of Dover Sole with peaches and cream for a sweet. After dinner read Gogarty's poems and dallied with Times cross word puzzle

Wake 7 o'c. Up 7.50

Wednesday, August 31

Another pleasant but misty day with pale sunshine. Spent most of morning writing a rather pointless letter to Catharine. Mr Crowhurst – topping Cypress hedge. Charles thinks too much wet day. Beginning to put – Packing windfall apples in bags for the villagers. Knights arrived from [illegible]

After lunch down to Beauty of Bath Apple Tree and knocked off last of the apples. When I came up Peter had gone with the Children to the sea at Climping. I up to rest. Down for tea 5.10 Peter and Children then came home. After tea Peter took C. to see Viola with Bobbie. Kate went to Choir practice. I worked in Madame Solario. When they got home Peter made drinks for himself and C. I read Times 6. After dinner Mr Bob Claydon called & told Mrs Keanes that he wanted to marry Eagle.

Studied '28 & '29 Diaries to-day to find when I arranged with Bramel L.

[illegible] Agent

up 7.15 Breakfast 8.45

Thursday, September 1

Partridge Shooting begins

Made list of things to get and do in London. Peter drove C. & Me to Pulborough where we met Mr & Mrs Wright who were going up to London for his doctor to see him after his operation for piles. He went on to an auction where they were selling some Roman coins. C. & I went up to London. We took a 52 bus to Knightsbridge where we separated. I posted letter to Catherine and went on to the flat. Tel. Roger and asked him and Moira to come to Alfreda's cocktail party next Wednesday. Unpacked chest on landing and did the various things on my list. Found a lot of rock cakes in cupboard and knocked off a few which I ate with some Danish butter in the Frig. Lunch at Packenham Arms. Got envelopes at Rymans & my friend gave me a stamp for Tilla's letter. Home & got ready. To Piccadilly for cheek day. Martin [illegible] circulars. To

Victoria. Met Ag. C. & we [illegible] Rogers

Made drinks for C. Dressed after dinner

up 9.30. Breakfast 10

Friday, September 2

Read D. Mirror and weeklies
Another warmer day. Picked
and picked out peaches for
Peches Melba tonight. P.C. from
Stephen arriving 9 in time for
dinner. W. MacQueen here for
after luncheon. W. France [illegible]
Mr about Mackenzie. After
luncheon picked some more
peaches for Mrs Kinney.
Paid bills and posted letters
Rested but did not sleep
Tea wi. C. at 5.30. Started
to make a new Help Yourself
sign. Telephone message for
Brian about his new papers
for the children's entry into U.S.A.
Headquarters. A & B & E arrived
7 o'c. with Charlie Jansen.
I made drinks for them while
I shaved. They all had had
a good time on the Continent.
After dinner I finished drawing
apple sign but could not

Paint [illegible] 1 pound [illegible] all
Linseed oil. [illegible] 12.30

To bed 12.45 Up 9.05

Saturday, September 3

Another lovely day with bright blue sky. Found some turpentine in shed and painted "Keep Yourself" red letter on white background. Took me all of morning. Gave Alfreda ear-rings made of bits my stick which she put in at once. They look very well. Spoke to Kurtz after lunch. back like Urquharts from their holiday in South of France. Picked up some [illegible] for bowl and put up sign. Rested. Tea in North room where Urquharts & Charles had a fire. They went on a walk. I hunted for ut croquet ball down by pond that Children lost. [illegible] flowers that Helen gave me and that have opened. Read Times. Made drinks. Dinner with Charles' present of Calvados afterwards. Spent evening reading Madame Salamis? Yes.

papers in N. Causeway — C. washing in mud

Woke 5.30 Could not sleep

Sunday, September 4

13th Sunday after Trinity

up 7.45 First at breakfast. Charles Jansen playing piano. Called him in and got him tea and a grapefruit. Out with basket and got windfall apples for Help Yourself bowl. Thomas and Bobby helped me. Weather not so warm but I got rather hot and ultimately changed. Started work on Madame Solario and then when C. wanted to work on copy I read S. Times + Observer. Charles took all the Wyndhams out in his car. Sherry before luncheon, sat in sitting-room after talking C. + Charles about Princess Margaret. Finally C. + I said good-bye to Charles and went up to rest. He had gone when we came down to tea at 5.30. C. + Kate to Evensong when 9 children in our family have been baptised. I read papers. C. met a Mr Sheppard in Foreign Office who knows Brian. Made drinks. Paul Wright to dinner. After dinner

Finished Part II Madame Solario

Monday, September 5

Up 7.50 Breakfast 9.20 Out and picked peaches rain sprinkling W. Howard League including Queen and commenting on Caffaney's activity. Talk Alfreda about Hadley After luncheon talk about Iron for draught when A. brought unknown in England. C. H up early to rest just in time to miss Mrs Wopschall who came in her car and took all his family out. C. H tho spoke of Charles Janson who was always rather hypochondriac and now has a permanent melancholy turn from his 5 years imprisonment. [illegible] brought back and Brian — Alfreda had tea C. upstairs at work on her book. Copied J's letters to send to Prescott Peter arrived from Sunday with Herbert Grants. He got gin from Mr Jackson and Brian made drinks before dinner.

Another cloudy day but decidedly

Tuesday, September 6

autumnal in temperature. Up 7.15. D. Marot tells of Peter Farnham at Belgian Embassy in London looking pretty saying "wait & see" when asked about Princess Margaret. Sent cheque to Duckworth for Geoffrey Brown's book on Henry Dillard. Peter took all the Urquharts to spend day with Susan's mother. I spent morning working on letter to Prescott about Hadley. C. & I luncheon alone. Read Times. Continued letter to Prescott. C. & I to rest. Peter and Urquharts returned with Mrs Urquhart and Miss Hammond gave them tea while we were still resting and brought us our tea in C's bed-room. I stayed upstairs till Mrs U. had gone but C. went down to see them. Made drinks. After dinner copied letter to Prescott. Had finished letter for him

to send to [illegible]

Wednesday, September 7

Up 8 o'c heavy mist clearing to a fine day. Peter took C. Alfreda and Brian up to [illegible] for the day with a cocktail party at Kingston House. Tel. Gough - frames ready for inspection. Worked on Madame Solario with brief walks out in sun to keep warm. Sat in sun in window seat with rug over shoulders. Walk out in vegetable garden in afternoon and picked some of the small peaches. Lunch alone. Mrs Kennes had children in kitchen. She said that they made too much mess in dining room when they had gone. After lunch read [illegible] in sitting room. Spoke to Christopher and then went up to rest. Down to tea at 5.30. Mr Matthews & Diana called. He wanted to complain about Farmer who had charged him £75. for summer house and then refused to use his Amberley seeds. I told him what I did Mr Dunnage had paid which made him feel better. Showed them picture of Alfred Best's house. Worked on the Solario. Mrs Renner [illegible]

Madame Solario

Undressing to bed. Made myself a drink after dinner.

Peter and Clarissa came back last night

Thursday, September 8

about 1 o'clock after [illegible] Cocktail party and dinner in London. Weather cool so that I did not complete my bath exercises. Breakfast with brown toast & marmalade at 10 o'c Another fine sunny day but autumnal. Worked on Mon Solario going out into sun from time to time. Peter occupying himself with children collecting pieces of pottery which he attributes to pre-Roman or even pre-historic times. They are starting to make mosaic. I Talk G. who likes wines of Mack Rogue + Ben. After luncheon more Solario. Talk Kurtz who says Lukie in Moscow. Looked at the very amateur mosaic made by Peter + children. C. [illegible] visited; Down for tea 5:30 Read Times. Alfreda + Brian telephoned from Pulborough and Peter met them at Amberley while I made drinks.

After dinner all talked in Library of [illegible]

Woke 6 A.M. Tried to get to

Friday, September 9

sleep again by counting but could not really get off. Up 8.15. Measured chest-expansion with deep breathing — about 2 inches: introduced breathing exercises into my belt programme. Brown toast and marmalade for breakfast. Looked at letters that I found last night in little Italian chest of drawers on landing — Mollie Sutherland, Gerry Wellington, Tommie, Oz. & Georgie. Read & answered letters from Peter Smith & Prescott [illegible]. C. Alfreda, Brian & children taken by Peter to Steventon. They came back just in time for luncheon. I had been reading Spectator: still dealing with capital punishment. After lunch C. & I, Brian & Alfreda taken by Peter to Bognor-[illegible] where we got the [illegible] from [illegible] that had been put into the frames I got in Chichester. I also wrote letter to Prescott and got [illegible] for children. Home [illegible]. G. [illegible] went, I did not. Read [illegible]. Clara

pictures frames or paper for [illegible]

[illegible]

Woke 5.30. Mind full of

Saturday, September 10

various problems and responsibilities and could not sleep again. Breakfast with Peter 9.45. Gave Peter £2. to get me a bottle of rum. Spoke to Crowther about cultivating the cat-tail in pond and draining pond. Spoke to Charlie about weed killer for dandelions and plantains in farm yard. Spent entire morning hanging pictures that we brought back from Bognor Regis and those they replaced. Peter and Urquhart came back from walk without my rum. I spoke sharply to Peter and he went to Black Horse and got it but – as always did not give me back my change. After lunch with Tim Peter – [illegible] the [illegible] went over to Matthews'. Peter left my change on chest in dining room. Rested. C. + I tea [illegible] had drinks with Tim

[illegible] Warner dropping in [illegible] pills.

up 8 o'C. ~~Down~~ breakfast 9.30

Sunday, September 11

Peter, Alfreda, Brian Urquhart, Fred Warner. Light

14th Sunday after Trinity

rain. To church alone. Peter, Alfreda and Brian - [illegible] to Wrights for drinks before lunch. Guests Sir Gerald Barry, [illegible] Buchan. At church most of the form of service read by Scott. Sermon by young visiting clergyman. Bishop away. Talk ~~[illegible]~~ by Frank Pepper on my way to church. He says they are cutting down trees of fir variety that was nearly killed winter before last and has now only a bit of life at top. Family back from their cocktails just as Peter['s] friend Shumacher and his aunt Mrs Procter arrived for luncheon. His uncle is at S.P.S. [illegible] and his mother [illegible] Procter who married Sir Robert. Peter found him very lively [illegible] attractive but introduced Peter to people in Boston. They left + Fred Warner about 3 o'C. S left for 5.30. Slight brain blank.

Marion W. Sutton called up re E.M. Road

papers. Made drinks. After dinner + work

Sep 8. Breakfast 9.30 - Sweet letter

Monday, September 12

from ~~Afternoon alone~~ Catherine alone at the Wharf Theatre the end of Season all the company gone. / Happy in spite of bad audiences only $500. ticket instead of usual $1000. C. and all the [illegible] about to Brighton to look at antiques & G. was Horatio. Talk Cowchurch about draining pond and planting cat-tails. Picked crab-apples for Mrs Rennie to make jam. [illegible] portrait - P.C. Lennox letter and [illegible] till. Read Time. Bright morning clouding over with sprinkle again. Nevins I had got me [illegible] Slept. Family returns 5.30. C. has spent 1½ hrs. w. Horatio. ~~[illegible]~~ sunshine. Tea with young C. reading. Mended sock & tie. Made dry Martinis with stuffed olives. Finished mending after dinner

up 8 o'c Breakfast 9.30
Pleasant Tuesday, September 13 but
Autumnal early morning

W. memorandum about
Hadley for Alfreda. Brian took
picture of lot of family
including Gladys & me. Mrs.
Kurtz says she wants cottage
for winter. Clouds and
thunder at one o'clock.
Missing croquet ball found
in studio. After lunch family
engaged in packing. Mag.
Times. Easter. C. did not
sleep — naturally anxious with
all the family on one flight
tomorrow. Discussion at
tea about getting to Amberley
station. C. A. + B. disposed to
depend on Mrs Kurtz — not my
idea of conduct. I will go earlier
with Claydon who cannot come
at last minute. W. memo.
for Alfreda about Hadley
W. P.C. to Mrs Russell for
all cream bill. Upgraded
packing. Made cheques.
After dinner worked on Times

Cross-word puzzled weekly

up 6.45 — Had been awake
Wednesday, September 14
several hours. Breakfast alone
9.15. Had finished my
remaining packing by 9.45.
When Clayton took part of
luggage and me with Thomas
to station on his way to Arundel
with his mother and sister.
Mr Ruts brought all the
others and rest of luggage.
We had carriages to our-
selves at Amberley and
Pulborough. C. went to
Hairdresser. [illegible] to flat
and I to banker and Hamptons.
Then met Marion Whiting
at Brown's and we had
luncheon at Alt. Annexe and
then stopped at Athenaeum for
Christmas cards to Bachelor Bank
for gold powder and gold embossed
[illegible]. pictures with, and at
Cox and Chess. To flat by three
just in time to say goodbye to
[illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
Diary. I got quinine for [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Victoria. 1.85 + [illegible]
[illegible] at [illegible]
to Amberley. Mrs Pearce.

Had snack - apple jelly, [illegible]
Fruit after dinner. Chocolates. [illegible]

Thursday, September 15

Slept late after awake early. Swallows flying low. Cold again today but less cold. Tied up Katie's dolls clothes to be taken to America by Bill Fawcett. Built fire in dining room. Mrs Lenner left for her holiday after lunch. Worked on Mme Salario before and after. American birth card for daughter of Paul's son Williams family told. Walked in auction w/. C. who had idea about pruning and planting. Crookwell and Nuttall trimming hedges. Rested up 5:30 Tea. Cable from Maggie that arrived safely. Worked on Madame Salario making notes. Made many drinks. After dinner and at dinner C. talked about her book. She said she was exhausted because she had been taking Swiss [illegible]. Fire in sitting room all day. Bright warm sun and cold shade alternating all day. After 9 o'c read Times and Mme Salario. Allowed Kathie

Up 8 A.M. Out to see

Charley Friday, September 16 after

breakfast. He has a sore eye.
Gave Crowhurst £2. to get a
bottle of rum. Dull day and
mildish. Dug a few ground
plantains in lawn and considered
contents of Studio with C. & Miss
Peters — much to be thrown away.
It began to rain lightly and I
settled down to work on Mme
Salasio up to luncheon time.
Sherry for Viola who seemed
and looked feebler but enjoyed
coming to see C. Fire in
sitting room. Jack came to get
her after luncheon. I lay down
upstairs and was brushing wool
off my latest much admired
homespun tweed. Built up
fire in sitting room and up to
rest before 4. Probably slept
a certain amount. Till from
Peter coming 7 8.30 worked on
Mme Salasio. Light drinks
for C. & me only. Peter came
just as we began dinner 8.15
Short evening reading Times

Washed cups up etc. since

Saturday, September 17

Woke before six with mind full of Battle of Lake Regillus that I recited and gradually recalled and could not go to sleep. Another bright still, cool Autumn day. Out to see Crowhurst with C. in studio. Worked on accounts before and after luncheon. Ralph Pettit brought Diana Matthews' friend Odile le Coeur home to tea after a walk on the downs and out perhaps in the studio afterwards. Worked on reply to letter from Prescott about [illegible]. Made my usual run dark. Built fire in sitting room only after tea. After dinner went on with draft letter to Prescott and copies of two letters from Jimmie to [illegible] and [illegible] and original to Prescott. Opened draft of kitchen boiler fire on half as last night in order to make water hot for bath tomorrow morning.

Sunday, September 18

15th Sunday after Trinity

Another still sunny morning. Heart symptoms in night but after usual early awake, slept well at end. Breakfast before C. [illegible] 9.30. Started work [illegible] Hadley correspondence. Out and put air [illegible] water walnut spanish table together for possible spending. Stayed at home from Church and worked on Hadley correspondence with Peter. Peter took C. in his car out to their favorite North Stake lunch as always on Sunday. Only better than Mr Lippes does it. Arranged Hadley things for Mrs Rita Smith to copy, but I shall have to write out my long letter to Prescott before for her to type. Rested as usual. Tea C. + Peter 5:30. Later Peter took C. to see Viola (Mrs [illegible] back their home) Peter called on Fosters. I worked on Letters. Made dry Martinis. After dinner finished things for Mrs Smith to work [illegible] 12 o'clock

Monday, September 19

Broken night · dreamt and thought
about making
Granville Barker curtains do for
Kingston House, after half of them
had been given to [illegible].
Up 8-10 Breakfast 9:30
out - met Cranbrook about
repairing station table. He says
he likes work here. Asked
Chaffey about fee the [illegible] former
raspberry cage. He says
where [illegible] planted by
Mrs Parrott. C. says one of
cypresses bought for hedge after
[illegible] killed by fence.
Read old Times & Sunday papers
before and after lunch. I [illegible]
[illegible] when writing to Prescott
Day started wet. settled fine.
Talked Kurtzes on way to P.O.
Bought stamps & string. Talked
[illegible] at work on Slatts Cottage.
W. Stanway about repairs. Third
three came this A.M. [illegible].
Birthday letter from Barrett and one
this A.M. fr. [illegible] announcing en-
gagement to Elizabeth Putnam. [illegible]
[illegible] drinks dinner. [illegible]
cakes for Catherine - Birthday

Tuesday, September 20

Birthday greetings from Moira
and [illegible] bottle of
gin from C. Lovely Autumn
Day! Down to the orchard and
picked ripe plums on Charley's
rabbit-house. W.P.C. Moira
studied accounts. Sherry
before luncheon. Talk
[illegible] about Plummer's
tenancy of Holly Tree cottage.
Might get Plummer out
by doing it up and raising
rent. Talk C. about bill
for Nannie's funeral expenses
Received from Bessie's solicitor
Perry v. Fowler; 1 o [illegible].
W. Fowler [illegible] cheque £44.3.6
W.P.C. Hutchinson who I believe
is that awful Smith college
man who wanted to get to
Balmoral, now at 51 [illegible]
Gdns. Made rum drinks.
Dinner with Woodwards table
decoration of leaves and Eggie's
birthday cake and candles
Peaches & ice cream. Spent evening
reading Time. attended to boiler
fire. and left it going strong.

Early mist mild but settled

Wednesday, September 21

weather, up 8. Breakfast 9.10
Birthday greeting from Peter C.
made mistake and told him it was
today. Sent him p.c. of. Began
Roman pavement of Ganymede
Worked all morning on
Stanley correspondence
W. Prescott and after lunch
sent it to Mrs Smith to
type. Rested. Talked at tea
with G. about Opal Whiteley.
Great charm and spirit in
her "Diary" but she was
crazy and insanity is very
baffling. Went out for a
bit. It had been raining a
little. Read Times. Made
drinks. Eggie cooking
is really more professional
than Mrs Lemon's finally
greater range. Made up
fire after dinner. Spent
evening on Nine Safaris
and finished part 2 it at
midnight and full of regret
at what was happening in
story. Make up first in

Grey day with a little sun

Thursday, September 22

9.30. Tel. bk. for table, 27/9. O.C. to Mr. Fields seeing Miss Barratt. Picked the faded evening primroses as usual. Picked plums on Charley's the house. Spent morning writing to Barratt thanking him for his birthday letter. After luncheon Greenfield man called to repair beds chairs and pillows. It has been raining more or less. Rested. Tea 5.46 Read Times. Made drinks. Violent thundery showers and plenty of rain. Very good dinner - Reggie's cooking is much more varied than Mrs. Dennen's and very pleasant. After dinner wireless news as usual - an air accident at Lagos. Spent evening on Madame Safonic. Attended to bonfire and left it going strong at midnight.

Up soon after 7. Breakfast

Friday, September 23

at 9. Letter from Paul which I put off reading. C. came down about 10-11. Had been raining hard and was still dripping so instead of my usual walk I took up [illegible] on front steps to plant Banksia rose. Too much effort as I felt heart exhaustion. Rested and then up to W.C. and then settled down to read Mme Solario. His cold but [illegible] seen. [illegible] younger boy started yesterday at Harrow, older boy goes back to Winchester today. Spoke to Charley about planting Banksia rose. He started digging after lunch with Crowhurst. I read Times, New Statesman & Spectator. Several references to Capital Punishment abolition. Rested 4 - 5.30. Tea. Read Mme Solario. C. also working on it. Made dry Martinis. Mme Solario after dinner. Peter had telephoned this afternoon that he would arrive at 9 o'C. He had not come

waited till 9 when he drove up

at 10 and I went to bed and was [illegible]

Woke 6 o'clock and could not sleep

Saturday, September 24

again. Up 8 o'c very tired and looking curiously haggard. Down to breakfast 9.30 before Peter. A beautiful Autumn day with blue sky and white clouds and sun in and out. Paid Charley for the man who cut grass in the orchard. I said I thought he ought not to have to pay so much when he took the hay and I am not sure that Charley did pay so much. Peter and C. went to Pulborough to see about dahlias and C & R went to antique shop where Peter bought an earthenware dish that might have been Roman. He brought last night a green Chinese urn that he had bought for his archaeologist young friend from Guildhall. Mr Jacobs came to see me and quoted £350 for thatching barn. Read Salazar before and after lunch. Peter went to play tennis with Fosters. Rested. Tea 5.30 Peter out with Gerry. Read Times about Burgess & Maclean. Drinks Dinner. News.

W. Mrs Adrian Vincelet. in R.B.F.

Sunday, September 25

16th Sunday after Trinity

Slept deeply with dreams
woke 8 A.M. and
up soon after; dull morning
turning to rain.
Peter joined me at breakfast
Winifred gave me apple that
she thinks delicious. Good
flavour but intelligently had
cut and picked off faded remaining
[illegible]. G & I to church
Carried umbrella. Peter up on
downs hunting Roman remains
with Elizabeth Kendrick, Mrs
Kurtz's niece. Came back with
basket of sherds as he calls
bits of earthenware. I took
up Salario. Peter went to see
Pauline Rathbone who has just
returned from America. He
came back to lunch. Weather
cleared and sun out. After
lunch talked of Russell Lowell
and "once to every man and
nation" which comes into poem
THE PRESENT CRISIS. Read S. Times
Rested. G & I tea. Peter tea
with Kurtzes. Tel. to Peter from
Odile Le Cadre. Suggested that she
spend the night in his flat. He will
take her up to London. Peter dines

with Kurtzes. Worked Salario. G & I [illegible]

After dinner read
worked Salario. [illegible] dinner

Woke about 7 and lay more or less awake till 8.15

Monday, September 26

~~Another beautiful morning~~

Dominion Day (New Zealand)

Breakfast [illegible] alone. Eisenhower seems to have had a bad attack stroke of thrombosis or both. Came Charly my old darned gray socks. Mr Cranhurst has filled up our Help Yourself bowl of apples. Day continues fine. Read Mme Solario. Sun is out but air decidedly cool. Woodward said goodbye. Packed under clothes for Hastings in suit case. After luncheon lit fire in sitting room. Near end of Mme Solario. To rest 4 o'c. Tea 5.45 Read Solario very terrible. So painful to read that I put it aside and read Times. Made rum drink. After dinner bulletin on Eisenhower's condition is encouraging but not re-assuring. Finished Madame Solario. Ending too involved

Tuesday, September 27

Woke 6 o'c and had to get up at 7 so did not sleep again and felt tired. After breakfast looked in stable to see what luggage was there. Wore two coats so as to leave one in London and wore bowler and green grey with black band. Got to London by 10.10. I had 9 suit case full of clothes to leave and she had one full of linen to leave. Pleasant drive. Nearly failed to get our cases on at Harbeaty and Peterborough. It was C. who got them on. To flat where we unpacked our cases. She went to lunch with Gladys Robertson, Ruth Lee, Antoinette Blanche Lloyd and Mrs Lydia Hoyt. I had lunch with Mr Till at Athenaeum. I got some things at Evans Chemist and at Printers in Montpelier St. To Victoria in taxi with 2 empty suit cases. Put them in cloakroom and came back for cup of tea meeting Gladys who had been to hairdresser after lunch. Nap in train coming home. Drink before dinner. Worked at [illegible] after

Woke at 7 and again at 8.30

Wednesday, September 28

Another Autumn day. E. down to breakfast first for once. Out and picked some plums which I gave to Mrs Kurtz. Reread typed letters for Alfreda and sorted and checked them with three copies for her President and myself. It took me the rest of the morning and a good part of the afternoon before and after I really slept deeply. Made drinks — gin & French with apples. After dinner W. Alfreda & I go up to farm for drinks. [illegible] boat so that we left for after luncheon finished after tea! Spent most of evening reading Times

Mrs Kummer not coming back from her holiday till tomorrow and Erpi upset.

Ardmore this afternoon
so you arranged
telephone that E. heard while in [illegible]

Slept wonderfully - up 8.30

Thursday, September 29

Perfectly beautiful Autumn
day: Warm sun, frost

QUARTER DAY (*Michaelmas Day*)

early on wet meadows. Td-b-14
W. Post cards paid bills etc
Mr Knight of Chigls came
with armfuls of dahlias and
michaelmas daisies and spent
morning w. C. in garden
showed him lawns and
Mr Cheal is coming over to
see them tomorrow. Finally
got to the point of under
S. Mirror! Last lunched
from Eggie with fried potatoes
Mrs Dunnick came home at 1.30
Over to see Kuntze about that
who is coming to see cottage. Kudge
say they may take it again year
from now. To P.O. + posted
big envelopes to Prescott + Alfreda
Read Times. Waited until 4 o'c
to show cottage to the Crockatts who
Mr Hyde said were coming 2-3
Tea 5.45. Letter from Alfreda all
well. Rum cocktails. W.
Hatch + agonies Marching in
between and after dinner

Friday, September 30

Woke 7, up 7.45. Washed my hair. Breakfast 9.30, with C. Out [illegible] saw Charley and Mr Crawford about cutting down sycamore and two other trees. We shall have to get Jack Beswick and must first ask for an estimate. Got out yellow paint and brushes to gild frame we got in Chichester for the Zucchero portrait. Found to make the right gold colour I needed more white paint than my artist tubes. Tel. Amberley Stores and went down for it and a bottle of turpentine substitute. I had worked away at frame and by luncheon got a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] after lunch. Tel. [illegible] about working [illegible] [illegible]. The lawn [illegible] before. Charlie did not come. [illegible] but really sleep [illegible]. Tea 5.30. Clear up my paints, brushes etc. [illegible] Made [illegible]. Peter came

9.10 when we had finished cleaning evening accounts.

Woke 7 and dozed up 8.15

Saturday, October 1

After breakfast out on lawn talk Mr Clearhurst.

Pheasant Shooting begins

Wellingtonia on mound evidently dying. Foliage turning red in spots all the way up. Tel Chief to come to see about lawn on Wedn. as T was i mowing down field. Helen Evans. Settled gold powder and mastic varnish with it and my mug. Finished picture and hung it before luncheon. Put wire on picture frame — Sisters and Peter hung this a I found it too perilous. After lunch read Times. Kept tacking at picture frame with which I am so pleased. The portrait is supposed to be Robert Dudley Earl of Leicester. Rested. Tea 5.30 Evenings are getting really cold. Fires now regularly at tea. Read New Statesman Peter to Foster for dinner and a drink. Drinks before dinner. Short-[illegible] [illegible] of Aunt Sarah and the War.

Set where there are Roses

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Slept well and long

Sunday, October 2

17th Sunday after Trinity

Another good day but sun not so hot as sky so clear. To Harvest Festival in decorated Church. Read Sunday Times before and after lunch. Lit fire before lunch. Wood is so dry that it is difficult to keep it from blazing up quickly and making too hot a fire. To rest 3.45 after I had got the yellow paint spots out of my grey tweed trousers ~~that~~ I made when I was painting picture frame. Did not sleep probably because I slept so much last night. Tea 5.30 Peter took C. to Vicars and came back and later went for her. W. draft letter to Mr Cowell. Made drinks Gin & Fruits. After dinner read absorbing. Peter went back to London at about 10.15

Slept well and all the better for the restoration of natural time. First looked at my clock at 7.45 am got up at once. Dull damp day. After breakfast spoke to Knight who called up on telephone. Arranged for Mr Cheal to come over and examine lawns after we have gone and advise me by letter or call in London. Mrs Renner told C. from McKeans' Hungarian Cook that Sir Francis changed his will just before he died and left his wife nothing. Mrs Renner told C. that she thought Petty was liverish to account for his changed manner. He kept all I think. I told C — debts! She became anxious for the £500. She gave him to understand. She took it very badly when I said that I had been worried because he had not acted towards him like a parent. Copied out my letter to Cowell. Told Charley about Cheal &c lawns. Lunch. To P.O. for stamps. Talked Mr Ridley. Petty. Tea. Read Times. Drinks, (dinner

Monday, October 3

Michaelmas Law Sittings begin

Read [illegible] Dervish and Mahammed in the

in ess. Book. but print too small

Tuesday, October 4

Nights are cold and I pull up down quilt before morning. up 8.15 Took rug over to cottage to cover worn carpet. Tel. Lloyds Bank about Cricket club cheque wh. they had not returned. Another bright clear morning. Worked on lists of work to be done in winter. Went down to pond & see what needs to be done there. Worked on accounts. C.'s lumbago better but she felt tired and we had sherry before luncheon. Talked to Charley after tea and went over list with him. Picked some plums. Rested. Packed after tea and helped C. with her packing. Used up last of fire spirit for [illegible] before dinner. Bath after and made up fire for last time. My method makes boiling

Wednesday, October 5

Wake 5 A.M. and did not sleep again. Breakfast 9.30 Out to see Charley and read him my list of things to do this winter. Finished packing. Down to see Cranquist working on our allotment and gave him list of things for him to do this winter. Climbed ladder and closed windows of porch over my door. Felt cold and put on woollen cardigan. Fastened labels on all luggage and gave Mrs [illegible] labels. After luncheon went down to see Mrs Coldsmith but shop locked and no one answered knock on house door. Went with C. to say goodbye to Mrs Ruelyes. Left them for Mrs [illegible]. C. went up to [illegible]. I put away silver birds. Read Times. Felt desperately tired before luncheon but better after. Car came 4.5 to take us to London 4.55 Mrs C. & Eggie went this morning and Mrs Carters got our lunches. Mrs Ruelyes and Mrs C-[illegible] came out to say goodbye. Drive to London [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] returned and [illegible] Mr [illegible] drove us and got lost getting into London: Tea and unpacked [illegible] before dinner: Attended to letters

Woke 6 Tried to sleep and succeeded in resting more or less. Up 7.15

Thursday, October 6

A certain difficulty finding things and getting into my old routine. Cool cloudy windy day. Out soon after 11. Street so blocked with traffic, progress very slow. To Paxton's got order stuffed olives, Cream crackers. To Berry's. Ordered wine and took bottle of Gin for Moura tonight. She had arranged to come to dinner last night but telephoned after we arrived and transferred to tonight and Mrs Rennie gave up her evening out to have a nice dinner for her. Taxi home. Ida Crouch telephoned that her old Pekingese Susie had died on her lap. After lunch odd jobs about flat. Good long sleep. Tea 6.15 Read Times. Moura telephoned that she would not be coming to dinner. Mrs Rennie had stayed in and made a plateful of delicious Croutons and I had gin drink and cheese while C. + T. [illegible] [illegible]. Made fire and sat by it before and after dinner.

W. Chaplin + Tarrier

Slept deeply did not wake till 9 o'clock

Mild grey day. Not finished morning routine until 12. When I went out and took a 52 bus to Victoria where I got a plastic basin to replace my aluminium one that has sprung a leak. Then to Allens and got quinine tablets, ordered salt tablets and got my mahogany pie Scalloped tray that has been given an oiled finish home just before C. who had been to Harrods 1.20 Glued Venetian Chair after lunch. Tube burst + glue all over trousers but came off with cleaning. Rested. Read Times. Dry Martini weak for

me, written for C. running accounts

M. A. bed

another mild grey day
woke Saturday, October 8 7 and
dozed till 9.30. C. & I
breakfast 10 o'c.
Attended to a few letters etc
out and left shoes with
the little man in a
Thames passage to have
the rubber soles removed
got stamps and went
to 2 or 3 antique shops
without success to find
tea pot stands. Home
so wet with perspiration
that I changed my shirt.
Terribly hot muggy
morning. C & I to luncheon
with Edward Wyndham
and Road & Baby Leslie.
Home and rested. Tea
5.30. Read Times and
weeklies. Drinks strong for
C. weak for me. After
dinner News and accounts

woke 6 but soon slept again

Sunday, October 9

up 8. Read Sunday Express cursorily mostly

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glancing over Lady Oxford's reminiscences. Then settled down to accounts which I finally after luncheon got right — Amberley accounts July 1 to Sept 30. Ida Carrick came to luncheon but without her Pekinese since that has died. We spoke with her about starting us out & indicated that I wanted to stay in London for Christmas which C. said she wanted to leave December 1 by way of N.Y. where she would stay only a fortnight. Rested but did not sleep. At tea talked of plans and C. reluctantly said she would postpone leaving till Jan 1. Peter came to dinner, says he and Stephen both feel ill.

I went out for drive walk after tea

Told Ida Carrick about Amberley accounts.

Awake 6-30 and hardly

Monday, October 10

slept again. Up 8 o'c. Tell from Miss Cook about my typing. C. going out to hair-dressing agency at Sgatte and then I went out first; - to bank for K. St. Pease. left tiny pearl ring, to be mended to keep my Wedding ring - mine & Helen's keeps slipping off, at Davidson's. To Saints Hunter and got Harley Park photographs. To London Library for books on Empress Josephine's youth in Martinique. Found nothing at all fresh but brought away Frédéric Masson's Josephine. Luncheon Aft. my umbrella not there. To Hampton and left messages for Hyde about Amberley land Marie about London. I soon rested. C. came later. Tea together 6 o'c. Betts came before 7 and stayed to dinner. R.A. better after his slight upset.

Sent K. St. typed to Maggie and
Hartley P.C. to [illegible] [illegible]

Tried the plan of not looking at my watch.

Tuesday, October 11

Woke early but I do not know how early. Dozed until I heard Ergil draw C's curtains. C. called me when I went to bath room and I found her prostrated and speechless in an attack of her father's vertigo. Did what I could for her. The attack had passed when I finished my bath but she felt ill and weak. She had only grapefruit for breakfast. I telephoned for her to hair-dresser, Fleda and Flowers. She lay quiet all morning. I sorted out Paddington estate correspondence from one mass of papers. C. struggled up and I went with her in taxi to her Ladies' Lunch at Quebec. Then I got little plates for tea pot & hot water jug at Gen. Trading. Lunch Packenham Arms. Croquet. C. came home after 4 and we both went to rest. After tea and after dinner completed sorting my papers

and letters into parcels and files [illegible] for C. only

Mrs Carpenter called up. Bobby doing well after [illegible].

Wednesday, October 12

up 7.30. G. came here greatly [illegible] back [illegible] not feeling well. Put papers and letters away in drawers of chest in passage. Made appointment with Oculist Savin. Got address of Lost Property office from Police Station and went by 46 Bus straight to Camberwell Road. Umbrella not there. Home, interested in new buildings I passed going and coming. Fine day but not warm. Out and posted Cagarty back [illegible] by Black & Cowan. Got shoes that I have had stripped of rubber soles for evening wear by little man in Terrace Passage. G. came in with samples of light material for West Indies. After lunch read Times. Tasted Tea. W. McFall with £50. W. Haddow about [illegible] cottage. Made dinner. Read the E. News and looked at New Yorker

features — magazine papers — city
advertisements. London [illegible]

wake 5 o'c and did not sleep after except

Thursday, October 13

for a few dreamy moments. Papers full of Princess Margaret and Peter Townsend. It looks like marriage unless the archbishop is firm. C. out to haberdasher PO. Miss Cook for typing Ambaly accounts. Worked all the morning on C's novel; out for weed in garden. C. in for luncheon 1.30. After lunch to Kent Gardens and ordered blue hydrangeas for Monday 17th. Rested but could not sleep. Tea. C. is accepting the idea of January for Martinique. Worked on Mme Solario notes. C. out to Moura's where Robin Chancellor said that working class were all in favour of Townsend's marrying Townsend. I did not have a drink. After dinner C+I went over my notes on Mme Solario part II

Woke early but did not
wake

Friday, October 14

at my
clock and slept a certain
amount after. D. Mirror
full of spitting between
Townsend and Princess
Margaret. Worked on
Madame Solario. By bus
to Kew Gardens and saw
my hydrangeas. On
to Stanis Victoria St and
got a plastic gang basket
to put them in. Luncheon
at Overtons - excellent
bar and service. Home
and rested. C. came in
late from hair dresser
and fitter. I rested but
did not sleep. Tea in.
C. worked on her room
before and after dinner
Peter arrived 7.30 and
I made drinks for
him and C. Jack seems
in good spirits is spend-
ing Sunday at Amberley

with Kreitzes

Did not completely awake
Saturday, October 15
till 7-30 when I got up. Papers full of Princess Margaret & Townsend spending Sunday with Mr Wills who is a niece of Queen Mother. People seem to think Church will not marry her and she will be deprived of right to succeed so! I do not care what she does with her own life. Out to [illegible] gardens and arranged for them to send hydrangeas by taxi Monday morning before 9.30. Got salt tablets, Green grapes, Neapolitan [illegible] and stationery Rymans. G. had gone out later and came back after I did. I got her a glass of sherry before lunch. Read Times. Worked on accounts. Rested tea. Read E-Standard, Accounts. got

taking barley water for my back
i.e. a drink - nannies for my

accounts after dinner

Sunday, October 16

19th Sunday after Trinity

Woke early but did not look at the clock until 8.15 when I got up. Sunday Express full of Princess Margaret matter but only a few paragraphs in Sunday Times and nothing in Observer. Down to [illegible] and spoke to Mann and Stanton about incident yesterday afternoon with Jackson's delivery man. W. Jackson. Lovely sunny morning. Down and read my letter to Mann. Up and copied it out. Brief walk in Park and picked up sticks in Park. Got sherry for C. After luncheon read singularly good leader about Princess Margaret in Sunday Times. Accounts. Rested but did not sleep. Accounts until C. brought me Part III of [illegible] Salters which she had finished typing. I worked on that before and after dinner. Early C. [illegible] before dinner

Up 7.15 Tel Kent Gardens
Monday, October 17
at 9 o'c and was told that
my hydrangeas were in
taxi on the way. Went down
and met porter carrying them
Arranged them in my green
plastic basket on dining room
table and in white vase on the
desk. After breakfast paid
bills. Worked whole morning
on accounts which I finally
got right for Westminster a/c
July, Aug. Sept. C. went
out to her tailor Roberts
Got her a glass of sherry
when she came in at 1.30
After lunch I went out and
got new kind of ink eradicator
at Rymans. Does not work
on cheque book. Rested.
Worked on Mme Solario after
tea with C. Got her drink
Patty to dinner and left
early. C & I worked all
evening on Solario quite
pleasantly. My hydrangeas
have been much appreciated
Day has been grey and
very cold with a little rain

Slept well. Fully awake only at Tuesday, October 18 5 0°C

Tel. Paddington Estate and found that Hyde Park Gardens is now in hands of agents Christopher & Co of Kensington. Took place and corresponding round to their Mr Danger who was interested. To Watsons for fitting and Jaeger for [illegible]. Victoria for my lost umbrella but properly taken to Waterloo after 3 days. Lunch Victoria and bought grapes in station. To Greens Brompton Rd for soap and told him to make account in my name instead of C's. Cat [illegible] and strings Montpelier St. Home. C then to Peg Lady's: luncheon. Rested. Mrs Peter Smith came for Mme Solario to be relaxed. W. Elizabeth Dyer to dine [illegible] of Cordons [illegible] in Studley: W. Maddox to come

On 25th: C. accept Wimpoles for dinner that night. Drink for C.

After dinner went to Chat [illegible] handle

Wednesday, October 19

Rainy morning. I slept well up. 8. W. Mrs Adrian Porter congratulating on her grant. W. C. Wms Ellis / W. Mildred Stokes. Got out wine for luncheon. C. went to Roberts tailor. Dinis Mackail and Freda Listowel to luncheon. Talked to Freda about Anita Leslie's book on Leonard Jerome. We were using the Napoleon China the same that Mrs Jerome carried away from the auction in a wheelbarrow. I talked mostly to Freda and C. to Denis. C. was quite pleased with the way it went. After luncheon I went out in pouring rain and got some stamps. Then rested when I got back. After tea read papers made drink for C. of usual gin-French and tried Coca Cola for myself. Dined early and listened to B.B.C. concerto by [illegible] after. Then read Anita Leslie

[illegible] Jerome and then had up out of [illegible] for

(my Tailor Mr Watson)

Thursday, October 20

Up 7.50 after good night
Discussed Marriage Causes
Act of 1856. w. C.
Another damp day.
Brief accounts. Fixed bolt
on doors to C's balcony so
that doors could be opened to
get at fire-wood. Letter of
apology from Jackson one that
I showed to Mann. Tel [illegible]
Smith about renewing back.
Out and posted "Out of Africa"
to Mr Watson. Lunch: C. had
told Mrs Kinnear that the beignets
at luncheon yesterday were not
so good as usual. She said
it was the ~~fa~~ fault of the new
flour. C. going to [illegible] found
balcony door ajar. Tied it
together with string. Heard
voices in kitchen and found
Harry there, having come to
mend bolt but could not
disturb C. Said he was coming
anyhow to Peaks tomorrow.
Got him to polish my wooden
helmet to Christmas. Chancellor
had been at back. Drew
plates ^ letter to Times about
pistes

5.10 J. [illegible] Cecily. Read Evans 7 Slav[illegible]
– to at tea. Worked on Salaries. Drink for E
Salaries after dinner to 12.30

To bed 1 A.M. Slept

Friday, October 21

fitfully but long, re-writing in my mind my letter to the Times upon of course they will not publish. Breakfast 10 o'c

Trafalgar Day

Rainy day. Spent morning writing and copying out suggestions asked for by C. to strengthen the lettering [illegible] of the Salaris' inquest. C. out to Proust exhibition etc and luncheon. I went out in light rain at 1.30. Took 46 bus to Sloane Square and got a small shave at Gregg's in King road. Back in 46 bus and had a sandwich at Pakenham rooms. Then home just as C. came in. She did not go to Proust exhibition but shopped at Harrods and had luncheon in Sloane St talking to a doctor widow at the same table. To bed at 3.30 and slept till 6.30. Tea, built wood fire clad C. standard, made C. [illegible] windows [illegible] 's 'Solano'

drink. No appetite for dinner and mu

in bed at

Slept well up 8.10 a.m.

Windy Saturday, October 22 day which followed night of gales causing wrecks in Channel. Out early by No 9 bus to St Martin-in-the-Fields intending to pay Davies for mending glasses only that Davies closed on Sat. Went on to Shaftesbury Ave passing Readers engraving shop. To Piccadilly Cigars and bought chuck ham & biscuits at Paxtons and No. 9 bus home. C. had gone out. Called up Jake and asked him if I could count on them for Christmas and at least he said yes with enthusiasm then remembering said they were going to W. Abbeis. Tried to fix a dinner with Mr Delgado but couldn't agree on a date. Said I would try later. C. home & lunch. Read excellent article by Malcolm Muggeridge on Princess Margaret in

New Statesman, Reuters, Tch. W. Clough

[illegible] Williams. [illegible] Ellis. Drew n C. after dinner

Sunday, October 23

20th Sunday after Trinity

Bad night. Dull damp day. Pain in back almost gone but don't seem to feel as well as I did at Amberley. Looked at Sunday papers. Lady Curzon with her Society Stories in Sunday Express amusing and in good taste. Worked at Madame Solario until 1 o'C and after lunch until 4. Cut out of Times of yesterday excellent letter by Albert S. W. Joseph on advantages of German division into East and West. Rested. Tea 6 o'C. Went over Solario notes now finished. Gin & French for G. My back practically well. After dinner spent evening mending hole in Gray Scot jacket. Water hot through north wing. G. working on Madame Solario. Talked to her briefly about it just before I went to bed. Any comment after this unprofitable practice distresses and angers her-

Slept well warm sunny day. Monday, October 24 up late. Breakfast 10. Spoke of Mme Sklarios to C. and she went into a towering rage and said that she wanted destroy the book because I suggested that more might be done to bring out [illegible] machines. Finally she reached [illegible] comparing the book with Mrs Shelley's Frankenstein. She was going to luncheon with Ida. I went out had my face [illegible] applied at Nathalies for my [illegible] umbrella and had luncheon at Crawford [illegible]. Then got grapes in [illegible] place. and walked home through gardens between our South and North blocks ate grapes as I walked got in the flat. Rested and glad to hear C. come in. Up [illegible] till 5.45. C. felt better but said she may could work on her book again. I read Anita Leslie's book on Jerome. Made C. a drink. At dinner she told me of her [illegible] from Mrs C. Spent evening reading

book

Jerome

Slept well up 7.50

Tuesday, October 25

C. came to breakfast before I finished. She feels better about her novel and is going on with the revision. I said she must not change the action in any way till the Viking people have been consulted. Barnes [illegible] excellent 20. Took a taxi to 20 Wimpole St. McGavin all just about the same as 4 year ago — cataract hardly any worse. Cut [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible] in Wigmore St. and Davies [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] J. Lunch Palmer. Came St. Martin's Lane. Walked to bus by way of Zoliels. Home [illegible]. C. came in late from her Ladies [illegible]. [illegible] the [illegible] Mr & Mrs Muddox came for a drink and stayed till seven. Got a [illegible] but doubt if [illegible] caught the 7.8 train. John [illegible] Luker Mathias Bill Fawcett and Peter came to dinner. Luker has just come back from Moscow

Did not like what the [illegible] of Russia

Slept a bit fitful but plenty of it. Wednesday, October 26 up 7.30

Mirror tells Princess Margaret she is making England laughing stock of the world. C. out to hairdresser and on to luncheon w/ Antoinette to meet Mildred who arrived yesterday from Paris on her way to N.Y. Others there were C. Charles Wyndham, Nelly St Clermonts, Blanche Lloyd. I spent entire morning measuring Helens three curtains the other three given to Hilfields. It seems that they will be enough to replace our worn out ones from Hyde Park Gardens. Ripped off lining and fringes and took off much from one very hard work. Finished at 2 o'c quite exhausted. Luncheon oatis beer and grapes. Walk in Garden. Harry came from Harry Smith's to mend C's door to balcony. I gave him 10/- Rested, up for tea at 5.45. Read Times leader on Princess Margaret. Drink for C. Spent evening till 10 o'c in making diagram for curtains.

Thursday, October 27

waked last night over
plan for
adapting Helen's curtains
to our sitting room windows
and finished the scale plan
only at 1:30 A.M. Up
8.25 after good sleep.
After breakfast telephoned
and made appointment to
call on Maude Ragden on
Monday at 11, and on
Edward Fairholme today
at 6. Could not get St
Stephens Hospital where
our porter Barker is
a patient. Mrs Shaw Page
came to see G. about
sewing. G. worked on her
book and I ripped lining
and fringe from second of
Helen's curtains before and
after lunch. Rested. Called
on Edward Fairholme whose
mind is failing sadly. Fine
Raeburn portraits RAEBURN
G. back late from Morleys where
she met Mme de Monchy's daughter

After dinner I read Jerome back
and took cleaning Russian bedspread

Friday, October 28

Slept well. Lovely sunny morning with sun shining on orange coloured Autumn trees. Paid bills. Dreamed of plan to make my dental plate stick - tried it. Mercy my Gumbo [illegible] Margaret should marry Townsend, give up succession but continue her royal duties. Flout did not hold my plate in. Read Leonard Jerome until C. was ready to start about 12 M. Taxi to Royal Academy to private view of Portuguese Exposition made by MacFall. Horrific Marvellous agonizing of life-size painted wooden figures of Christ on the cross. Early 14th Century. Met Mabel Crawford & Nelly Elliot. B. Wilson. Fine collection. Comfort? Luncheon [illegible] Stopped at London Library and [illegible] [illegible] my name for Antler [illegible] [illegible] on [illegible] Through Park [illegible] Walked past [illegible] at Burlington Arcade and in [illegible] Scarsdale about combs. To [illegible] Exhibition. To 3 [illegible]

to [illegible] on G 5 [illegible] greater better [illegible]
taxi home 4.02. Rested & slept till 6:30
[illegible] to dinner, trimmed calmer. Felt

Trust Jack to [illegible]

Up 8 o'c. Out at 11 after

Saturday, October 29

morning routine. To MacFern of Camera [illegible] of Holborn. Left little old blue kitchen clock to see if it could be repaired. Bought a new [illegible] 20/- one said to last 10 yrs. To [illegible] old fruit shop and bought grapes. Met C at Harrods bank. She got candles ham and then chrysanthemums at [illegible]. Taxi home. Sherry before lunch. Started to read Times. Sunny but mild. P.C. [illegible]. C. [illegible] best [illegible] with printed title by Caxton Press. Home for luncheon with sherry before. Read Times C of [illegible]. Tea 6 o'c. Looked at E. [illegible] Letters [illegible] [illegible] C at [illegible] curtains and ripped off [illegible] and [illegible] before and after dinner. C. worked on [illegible] Solaris and consulted me on doubtful points. C. read aloud passages from [illegible] [illegible] which moved her so much that she cried. I left her working when I went to bed at 11.30 and got [illegible] 12.15

Slept well. Up 8.30

Sunday, October 30

21st Sunday after Trinity

Papers still full of Princess Margaret & Captain Townsend. Spent morning planning what to do with the Falls bust of Henry Greenwich Bankers. W. Olivier & Nicholas Henney, Mildred Gayfoot came to luncheon. Weather milder but not sunny. Mildred talked about Windsor and Princess Margaret without much sympathy. W. Clyde Whitworth with photograph of bust also enclosed W. Olivier & Nicholas. Rested. Slept late. Peter came and we had sandwiches and whiskey and soda. I felt queer with slight heartburn and G. felt sick and thought she would not go to concert but eventually we all went and enjoyed it. Orchestra conducted by the negro Dean Dixon. Cello soloist Edmund Kurtz – very fine

To his dressing room after with his family & John Lukie Matthews. Peter brought us

[illegible]

weather before 5 and only vaguely dozed after;

Monday, October 31

up 7 o'c and got off by 9.30 Bought grapes at Fortnum & Masons and reached Golders Green by 10.30 Walked slowly to 110 Hampstead Way where I found Maude Royden's adopted daughter and son in law, partially paralyzed and their daughter Catherine and rather depressed them all. Gave her grapes and talked pleasantly for an hour or so. She is weak and probably permanently bed-ridden but cheerful. Cold sunny day. Back to Rutland Square where I had luncheon at Palmers, C. lunching with Freda, Nellie's St Germans & Blanche Lloyd, for Mildred. I went home & read Times till C. came home. Rested 4-5.45. Tea. Read Standard. Man drinks. Clough Williams Ellises came at 8 to dinner & to talk about Montague's [illegible] announcement from Princess

Margaret Tout mindful of Chadwick's [illegible]

[illegible] to Commonwealth [illegible]

woke early with relaxed throat and only Tuesday, November 1 dozed after. D. Mirror full of Princess Margaret's renunciation without comment. Times appeared Fox Hunting begins

Down to basement storage bin and got up box of papers which I spent morning going through in connection with auditing of Camille Barker bent account. C. out to lunch with her ladies. I had lunch at home of brown bread and butter dates milk grapes and a chocolate. My relaxed throat seems better. Had slept before C. came home. Up 4.30 and tea with C. & Angela Bull and talked about Alice Van der Linden and family news. Read papers before and after dinner and made drink for C. before. Feeling poorly from relaxed throat and ~~to~~ bed earlier than usual. Papers disposed to make great romance of Peter Townsend and Princess Margaret. I think it has all been a case of careless

[illegible] ping, more going [illegible]

the trend

Slept well and long. Up
8.45 Wednesday, November 2 Breakfast 10. C
went out to keep appointment
with Dr Tsato for her giddiness
and Viola's disease.
He thinks a p.m. might try
hypnotism to get used to
the dental plate. I spent
morning working over
Cranwell - Barker bank
account. Out finally at
1 o'clock. 52 bus to [illegible]
where I had delicious brown
bread & beef sandwich and
Welsh rarebit. To London
Library and returned some
books on Empress Josephine
and applied for T. Andrews [illegible]
by Palmer the Farmer on West
Indies. To St J. Sq. Westminster
Bank for Cranwell Barker's
itemized statement. To A. Ch.
& cashed cheque. Got stamps
& stationery. Postal coupons!
Home [illegible], C [illegible]
weary but became better. C. &
I tea. Read Times & E. Standard.
Made drink for C. After dinner

paid bills etc. W. P.O. Pension X

Slept well and feel better with only a slight lameness in my throat. Up 8.45. Tel. to Pictures photographers

Thursday, November 3

who will come Tuesday morning to photograph Taylor's & Patty's [illegible] by [illegible] of Fontainebleau. W. Glasgow [illegible] about authorship of life on Ollen Waas. C. went out to get her new black [illegible] coat to which she has had an astrakhan collar fixed. Ida came to lunch just before she came back and then 3 had sherry. Ida finds charming romance in [illegible] Margaret story. Read Times after luncheon and then went to bed but did not sleep. Up and tea with C. 5.30 and read Standard. She went to Moura's and got ruled by S. [illegible] because she said English were not hospitable. Walked on

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] playing and [illegible]
C. after dinner until 11:30

[illegible] finished my

Friday, November 4

Damp depressing day. Slept well but feel wretched. Told C. and decided to stay indoors. C. having luncheon wi: Nelly St C.

I spent morning checking list of C.B. subscribers. Bank seems to make it 1/6 too much. Brief pleasant lunch. Read Times after and then rested and slept 3.30 to 4.45. Up 5 and worked more on Granville-Barker. Letters appreciating bust photographs from Nicholas, Pleydell & Oliver. Tea wi: C. 5.30 She had luncheon with Nelly, Lady [illegible] & Mrs Courtney & Sir Colyn. After tea and after dinner I worked on C.B. a/c. I shall have to see the bank again about it to try to get complete list of subscribers and make the balance right. C. trying to get up a party for the Franco-Russian young [illegible]

Throat still curiously relukes Saturday, November 5 and heart symptoms but not a typical case. I stayed in all the morning and worked on the Granville-Barker curtains that we are trying to adapt for our sitting room. C. went out to Harrods and the day cleared to vague sunshine. I read Times after we had had Sherry and lunch and then I went to rest and slept deeply until 6 o'C. and then came in for end of tea. Went on with curtains and made C's usual C in a French bed had a smaller one myself. Went on with curtains after dinner in sitting room and finished tipping them up at about midnight. Mixed whisky and Vally-water and hot milk for a night-cap and got to bed by 12.15

Slept well and long and finally woke only at 9 A.M.

Sunday, November 6

Throat definitely better.

National Day of Remembrance 22nd Sunday after Trinity

Bath etc as usual. Read Sunday papers. Weather mild but damp. W. Roger suggesting Philip Toynbee's reviews for a book. Very interesting Curzon letters in Sunday Express from Lady C's forthcoming memoirs etc. Sherry before luncheon. Inhalation before breakfast and after luncheon. W. Roger Lubbock suggesting book out of Philip Toynbee's reviews. Rested but did not sleep. Decided not to get up but dressed upper half. C. tea with me in my room. Worked on C.B. evening. Peter came to dinner. He had been to a great Guy Fawkes celebrations in the country with a huge bonfire. Soup & apple pudding for dinner. Tried to do Times Cross-word

Monday, November 7

Slept well and sweated profusely. Throat no longer hurts but there is slight congestion. Up 7.50 and shaved and bath as usual. Breakfast in C's room. Read D. Express and Times. Mild Damp day. C. went out 12-30. Tel. Berry for wine. Letter fr. M. Sarg Stokes recommending Fort Sumter Hotel. Read latest New Yorker. C. came in 1.35 and I had luncheon in bed. Very nice Pheasant Pie and Semolina Pudding. I seem to be getting over my throat affection. Rested then - did not really sleep and felt not so well. Read Standard. Mrs Woodward mother of Thomas' school friend has shot her husband saying she mistook him for a burglar. Made [illegible] drinks. Made me feel better. Dinner of soup and greens. After this [illegible]. Times crossword. C. had giddy attacks

Tuesday, November 8

Throat felt better when I woke up so I decided to have my bath & dress as usual. C. felt shaken after last night's attack. Photographers came from Cappers to take our Joseph & Potiphar's wife to compare with the [illegible] [illegible] of same picture that G. [illegible] sent me a photograph of. Mrs Smith called to see C. about typing her novel. I went to St. J. Sq. Bank about Granville Barker account and to London Library to get book about West Indies. Got tin of liver pâté at Paxton's & some for lunch. Feeling not too good. After lunch looked at West Indies book. Hotel does not sound very comfortable. To rest. Slept well but decided to stay in bed. C. had tea with me but does not feel well. I read Times. Later she called me from sitting room. Has been reading West Indies book and feels depressed thinks we are too old to go to Martinique. Read Standard [illegible] [illegible]. Dinner in bed. Spent evening making list of

Granville-Barker [illegible]

Wednesday, November 9

Lord Mayor's Day

Throat practically well but
depressing weather and
neither C. nor I feel well.
She tel. to Gladys W.
and Antoinette and asked them
to come to lunch next Friday
to meet Gladys Robertson on
her return from U.S.A. C. Wynd-
ham told her that Mark was
remembered last Sunday when
he saw Mrs de Laszlo and she
said "How Peter (Townsend) must
have enjoyed every minute of
the last fortnight". C. went
out to her dresser. I telephoned
Phyllis Wellesworth about
subscribers to Ainley's bust
and sent her my list to see
if she can complete it.
Whitei Blacker came to
luncheon and arrived before
C. got back. She is getting
up a series of Offenbach
operettas and her singing
shows promise. [illegible]
C. had a slight vertigo attack
and seemed as if she would
not come to her party but she did
all right & enjoyed it. The
Wyndham gang: Peter, Antoinette,
Binkie, Ben Nicolson, Ann &
Richard Wyndham, Peggy & Maurice [illegible]
[illegible] Sebright [illegible]

wakeful on gas. Another

Thursday, November 10

warm depressing day. Tel. Edwards Dunland & they will send me another supply. Received photographs of Joseph - Potiphars wife. C. says she feel crazy and depressed. She is occupied with the transferring of corrections to all three copies of Mrs. Solario. W. letter and sent photograph to Rijksmuseum of Amsterdam - my Joseph - Potiphars wife. Luncheon To rest early. Tea and read Times & E. Standard To Am Embassy farewell party for Butterworths on their leaving for Luxembourg. Saw Mrs. Charlotte Boulton Carter and Helen Parker with whom we sat and talked. Cables to Virginia and Walter. Home Dinner and radio music

Weather still muggy and dipping in [illegible]

Friday, November 11

SCOTTISH QUARTER DAY (*Martinmas*)

Cannot get over my slightly relaxed throat. Up about 9 Breakfast 9:30 Looked at D. Mirror & Sketch and out about 11. Got throat pastilles Bond St. Diary Smythson. Tried on new blue grey suit Watsons. Got Honey & dates Wigmore St health shop. Home 1.20 when C. had just returned from busy shopping. Felt utterly exhausted and tired after luncheon and rested at 3-30 and slept well. Up and tea 5:30 and read E. Standard. Paid bills. C. and I had sandwiches and then went to Palace Theatre to see the Chinese Dancers - a most extraordinary show of incredible acrobatics and wonderful costumes Sat next to Mrs Wilson and their 14 year old grandson A little more bread and

[illegible] always was far worn

Bed 11.30

Weather cold & depressing day. W.

Saturday, November 12

C. going Library for poems of after. 2 C. has got letter from Putnam says he found that S. T. Arnold wrote Life on Ocean Wave. Down stairs and with the help of Mr. of parties spread but the Kellie's curtains on the floor outside restaurant but found I felt too weak and came back to flat. C. working on the revisions to her novel transferring them to the copies so I did not disturb her but lay down on my bed. Did not feel able to have any luncheon but slept a little and got up at 2 and had a little warm milk and whiskey. Read Times and then went to rest. Slept and up for tea at 5:30 and felt fairly well again. Made rum drinks ms. I shaved and ate a light dinner. Spent evening principally on a

Times Cross word puzzle

Sunday, November 13

23rd Sunday after Trinity

Woke early and slept late. Read papers and then worked on curtains. Terribly difficult complicated and confusing not room in flat to spread them out properly so to see the pattern for matching. There will have to be a lot of piecing together and it is a problem what will give best effect. Cold and appetizing joint of mutton for luncheon with our usual sherry before. Read papers after and then rested and slept well and long. Tea about 6 as usual and then more work on curtains. Peter came to dinner and we all had Constant Nymph Cocktail after dinner. Peter helped me hold out curtains to plan for piecing

Monday, November 14

Birthday of H.R.H. Prince Charles (1948)

Luckie tried. Stells seems to have chronic [illegible] rather asthmatic affection. Spent entire morning on curtains and may have cut them wrong. C. went out to hair-dresser and picked up luncheon somewhere. I went out late and got a glass of ale and a lamb sandwich at Pakenham Arms. I had telephoned earlier in morning to Knapp-Fisher and suggested that he come one evening for a drink which he said he would much like to do. We will fix it up next week. I worked on curtains and read papers after luncheon. C. came home early and went to rest. Tea 5.30 and more curtains. Then I mixed rum cocktail and then at 8 o'c found that C. had a bad vertigo attack at 6.45 and had been suffering with [illegible] sweat and

and dinner on sofa and I then went to bed and we

[illegible] curtains.

Then chill ever since. She had a letter from

Felt better though sat up too late Tuesday, November 15 and woke too early. C. feels recovered but afraid of another attack. Antoinette telephoned and hoped she could come to their Ladies' Tuesday. Lunch. Cold weather with sun and N.W. wind. Tel. Ted's office and talked to his friendly secretary. Hunted for my main file of current letters for Catherine and David. Looked in tin chest in hall cupboard and everywhere else in vain. C. went off to George with big letter. W. Miss Mead for Purdom's Life of H.C.B. To lunch. Overtons Fish and back direct in a 52 bus. Had some dates at home. Checked solution of Saturday cross-word before and after cutting. Tea 6 o'c. Read Times. Made drink for C. out of what was left from last night. She had a slight grades attack after dinner. Looked at Times again on Lewis - Clark

wake 7 o'c and then went
to sleep again till I heard
Wednesday, November 16
Fergie draw C's curtains at
8.40. D. Murray tells of Silver-
man's speech in House of
Commons against Hanging.
Tel. Mr Till to try to get
Goode's to replace my [illegible]
up-set. Fergie gave notice
to C. that she is leaving
for Canada next week.
Packed up the cup to take to
Goode's for Mr Till. C.
talked to Mrs Leange about
Fergie's leaving. She is going
to Canada to visit a Norwegian
friend from her village who has
married well. Fergie want to
break with Claygate and wickedly
thinks she might get a husband
in Canada. Took cup & rpts to
Goode's for Mr Till. Back for
lunch 1.20. Read Times. Rested.
Tea 5.45. Mended my
lamp shade. Made drink for
C. After dinner news

Before dinner C. reading Coronation back from

America

Wake 7. up 7.30. Tel

Thursday, November 17

Hampton after breakfast. Told Hyde & adv. Amberley and Mair that I would let flat fr. mid. Dec. if he could get £5.5.0 a week. Tel. Berry for Spirit. W. Chumley about turning off water. W. Bertha Putnam! Spent half morn'g getting the chest out of cupboard with Emma's help and hunting in it and envelopes [illegible] for my original set of Everett letters. Finally found it in chest out by left. To P.O. and got air stamps. E had got back from her shopping and we had luncheon at 2 o'c. Read Times and Mail 3.30 Tea 5.45. Read Standard and E. out to Moura's and met Vincent Sheehan whom she liked better. After dinner I went through letters in the box, sorted them more or less and transferred some to smaller chest

Friday, November 18

Woke 7 up 8. Another
mild grey day. Tel. Mairi
of Hampton. Mrs Ann
Gardner & Kenneth Moore
were tenants here. Read
old letters from Catherine &
David before writing to
them. Spent entire morn-
ing writing to Catherine
in reply to her two long
letters of September 5th
and November 11th.
Built fire for C in sitting
room but forgot to
light [illegible] and so did
she. Met her guests down
stairs just as I left at
10 o'clock. C. Lady Robertson
just back from America
Cherrie [illegible], Antonella
Esher, Blanche Lloyd, Ruby
Del, Freda Listowel. I had
luncheon Athenaeum. Home
to rest after ladies had
gone. Tea 6.15. C. [illegible]
enjoyed party but did not
feel very well. Read E. Standard.
C. had slight giddiness

[illegible] walking

made drink for C. After dinner we
danced evening 9 to 10. for her

weather mild with high mist

Saturday, November 19

letting in a little sun. Up 8 late and C. later. Frena called up to thank C. for the luncheon party. She had left early to see her doctor and now she is staying at home with sinus trouble. I started at once after breakfast and kept it up without a pause till luncheon. Erzsi is ill with a sore throat and her Hungarian doctor came to see her. Hardly looked at Time and worked till nearly four on curtain. Rested deeply and tea six o'c More curtain work before and after dinner. Made C. a dry Martini. worked until 1 A.M. on curtains. C had a slight turn

Sunday, November 20

24th Sunday after Trinity

woke 7 and had snatches of sleep until 8.30. got up 8.45. Breakfast 1030 after G. She does not feel well and attributes it to her perpetual toiling and boring revision of the three copies of her novel Madame Solario. I worked from 11 to luncheon on curtains which are now all four pieced together. Sitting on floor gives me extra rheumatism in my back. G & I had sherry before luncheon. Eggis Hungarian doctor called and found her normal. Stocky man with big head and gentle manner. Peter telephoned and will come to dinner. Weather grey and mild. Curtains till 3.45 but back to bed to do [illegible] today. Resting [illegible]. T[illegible] Six! Read papers. Made drink for G & for Peter who comes to dinner. Read papers after dinner

up 7.45 and worked all morning
Monday, November 21
on curtains. Got to the point of planning pelmet before buying extra material for backing etc. Ezra still ill but temperature normal. After lunch worked on curtains till 4 o'c. Slept. Tea 5.30 To West Smyths huge cocktail party at the Savoy. got there 7.15. Lavishly done with every sort of drink and eatables. [illegible] met and talked to Violet Gay Maurice Bonham Carter John Huntington and Jonathan Cape. There was no-one else in the vast crowd that I knew. The day was mild but foggy. Home to dinner 8.30 listening to Wireless music. Worked in workroom trying to match curtain mouldings for Pelmet

Tuesday, November 22

Slept until . Woke finally only ab. 9.15. C. late too so that we had breakfast together at 10.45. She went to her Radio lunch where Gladys Robertson spoke of Coleman's protestation of devotion to C. Antoinette was contradictory and C [illegible] and C. no longer had the kindly feeling towards her that she has had lately. C's feeling towards the ladies varies according to their manners to her. I went out and got stamps and mercerised cotton for sewing of curtains and came home and tried to sew pieces of material for pelmet with feathers on stitching. Cheese sandwich, milk and dates for lunch 2.30. Sewed pelmet till 4. Rested till 6. Tea. Read Standard. Pelmet pieces

dont match. Ripped them apart and basted them. Made drink for C. Dinner

[illegible]

wake. C. slept a little until 8.30

Wednesday, November 23

when I got up. Breakfast 10. Letter from Betsy. Photog. Gordon's mother is again threatened with cancer and if she dies Harry will again come up for consideration. Started work at once on Curtains and C. started on her division. We both worked till 1.30 when we took a 52 bus to Victoria where we had lunch at Overtons. I gave C. a dozen oysters. I bought a box of "Nigger" dates which I like best kind out. Then we took a 46 bus to Knightsbridge and I chose an orchid pink poplin for C. Then she got some flowers at Rayner's and we came home. Rested Tea Six. More work on curtains. Made drinks. Peter and Maura came to dinner but I worked all evening till 10 o'c. on Curtains

Wet dreary day

wake 6.45. up 7.

Thursday, November 24

w. Charles Sent before breakfast paid bills and w. Betty. Spent rest of morning on curtains sewing last pleats on pelmet. B out at hairdressers and shopping. She brought back cheese (cream) which we had with crab apple jelly and biscuits after late luncheon. I went out after. Bright cold day. Posted M. I. T. Review to John Longman and bought packet of nibbles Home 4 oc rested. Tea six. Read Mrs long letter from Elisabeth van Deren, gallant and cheerful at 94. Made rum cocktail for B and had a little myself. After dinner glanced at Times then spent evening till 10 oc on curtains. Pelmet all ready for Polish upholsterer to morrow. Ergie going to

Canada via N. Y. Saturday Nov

up 7.45. Ready for breakfast

Friday, November 25

9.15. Got Engie to iron helmet material. Madam Madjeska came 10.45 and I gave her the silk and lining and fringe for the helmet. C. went [to] dentist and other things not to be back till 4 o'c. Tel. Knapp Fisher. Going to Vienna, cannot come for week-end till early December. W. Jenkins thanks for repairing beaker bottle. He [illegible] [illegible]. Peter called up and wants to spend Sat. night Amberley. Tried to telephone Crowhurst. No reply. I telegraphed. Charley lunch Packinghams firm. and brought grapes. Called Tom Jeff best man when I got home in back premises. Says he never had back premises except 40 yrs ago. Home eating grapes. Gave street sweeper half-crown. C. at home soon after. Had been to Spanish film of little boy & Crucifix. [illegible]. Called up Crowhurst + Ollie asked him to get

[illegible] called [illegible] diary. C. & I were [illegible] went to Maurers. I watched the elections before + after dinner

Up 8 Breakfast 9.30

Saturday, November 26

Started work at once on Curtains and kept it up till about 1 when E & I took a 46 bus to the Sunday Times Book Exhibition. By the way she talked of all she found to blame Huxley and Helen for in Pennington's book and she was annoyed when I defended them and said that she ought to. Then she spoke of flying to America and said she would be terribly frightened and again was annoyed when I said she ought not to. Putnam [illegible] liked smallest and shared with Dobson but nice book jackets. Lunch Overton's. Home and to rest about 4. Tea 6 and worked on Curtains till dinner. E. went to see Mona. After dinner worked on Curtains till 1 o'clock

Sunday, November 27

1st Sunday in Advent

Woke 7 up 7.30 Breakfast 9. C. breakfast 10.30 W. draft letter to Averill W. Telephone man [illegible] about Mrs Leavey's radio Spent the rest of the day working on the cushions. C. worked on her revision and by the end of the evening had finished the three copies which are now ready to be sent to Viking Press and an English Publisher with an extra copy for her to keep. Foggy cold day. Neither of us went out. Peter came to supper. Had slept last night at Archie's for Wright's party. C. annoyed because I said after he left that I was sorry she called Wrights stupid They have been very kind to him and they have asked him to spend Xmas

Monday, November 28

Bad night with many worries re change of Quaker Room which Reta heard that the Bishop has brought up old question of extracting clerks room. Drafted of Bishops letter on subject. Q. out to dentist. Copied out letter to Council and W. draft to Faber. Spread out curtains on sitting room floor where the light brought out the pattern wonderfully for spelling. And worked on them till Q came home from dentist etc. at 2 o'c. Lunched and more curtain work to meet 4. Tea six Read papers and asked Mrs Dinner to press curtains. Dinner with Virginia + Tommy Thacher and Dick + Sheila Talbot + Hume + bed 11.30

Slept until nearly 9. Breakfast 9.45

Tuesday, November 29

Out and bought wrapping paper and labels. I copied out letter to Geoffrey Faber. Photographer had come earlier for the electric cord and plugs that he left when he took photograph of Joseph & Potiphar's wife. Posted letter to Covici and took typescript and letter to Faber & Faber. Rather too long a walk to Euston Road where I took a 73 bus from (Dates & genes) after lunch at my old bar in Dominion basement. Read Times till G. came home from lunching with Gladys Robertson and Ruth Lee. Rested. Tea late. Darning only. Finished article on A[illegible] direction by Lord Hastings of Penshurst — horrid. Made G. drink all evening doing up G's. parcel for

Viking Press by Air Post

Wednesday, November 30

St. Andrew's Day

Up 7.50 and spent half an hour soaking off label from G's parcel and arranging her another and [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ card. After breakfast settled down to work on curtains. G. went to luncheon anyway after dentist who fitted her with a plate with only a tiny gold wire along back of roof of her mouth which she thinks will be much more bearable. I took her parcel to be posted by air after long telephone talk with Knapp-Fisher's secretary about material for a young woman in Georgia, U.S.A who is writing thesis on I.G.B. Lunch. Pakenham Bryns and got grapes. Worked all afternoon without resting and stopping only for tea on curtains. Made dry Martini for G. After dinner worked on curtains and finished them at 12 o'c.

woke up to hear church bell strike

Thursday, December 1

9 o'c. Madame Nudjeska came before I had finished breakfast and I gave her curtain to make up. W. J. Boyowl about the cutting. Paid Berry's wine bill. Out 1.10 and had my hair cut. Then to Burnett's and looked for furniture covering for little chair now covered with puff velveteen which C. prefers to pink. Found material that might do in sample book and they will send pattern. To bank and got £5. Went to try Hamptons for patterns but found they had moved from Pall Mall where premises are probably going to be rebuilt, to Bond St. Before Burnetts I had had a turkey sandwich at my public house near. Bot cheese Paxton and olives Fortnum and home. C. came in as I was having dates and grapes. It has [illegible] Mrs. Blanche Lloyd. Rested. Tea

Read Kingsley Martin in New Statesman on Dead Sea Scrolls. [illegible] dinner

Up 8.15 After break-
fast Friday, December 2 tel-
(e)phoned Nadjeske about
curtains. Drafted letter
to Antoinette about Callie
Huntington. C. out to
her dentist where she
made friends with Peter
[illegible] Ravina Rambler
maker who gave C her
telephone number and said
she was back from Paris.
I went out 12:15. Called
Hamptons and saw [illegible]
who has someone named
Strauss interested in Amber
Went to Royal Academy
Exhibition of English Taste
in 18 Century. Saw Mrs
Gainsborough back from
America after successful
leg operation. Has Chinese
shelves bought by Chinese
[illegible] in Exhibition, also
big cabinet from Arthur Bull
C. joined me and we met
Eshers. Lunch Wiltons where
C. created scene by shouting

Fortnum [illegible] [illegible] night [illegible]

[illegible] dark after [illegible] in Dover where Antoinette

W. last night to Antoinette
Dowes Saturday, December 3 Wilson
about Granville Barkers
woke 7 + slept again till 8.30
After breakfast tel. Hy.
Smith who said Harry coming
this A.M. Tel. Phyllis [illegible]
and [illegible] London + Bours Hut
and finally got her in
London and asked for my
hat back. Says Robin
has not removed his
name from Athenaeum.
G. out to Harrods. Harry
arriving from Hy. Smith
and fixed lamps. Dull
mild weather. Harry called
+ fixed Woodward lamp
etc. Gave him 2/6. Miss
Kenney would not speak to
him, evidently offended.
G. home for lunch. We
spoke of Moura's over-
bearing assurance. Rested
tea. Read papers. Made drinks.
Peter to dinner. Tel from
Robin Whitworth. W.

Phillips Bradley, Tanny's about
thinking and Speculating

to dine with Helen's [illegible] on Dramatics

Sunday, December 4

2nd Sunday in Advent

up 9 o'c. W. draft-letter
to Martin Brown
about subscription fees
Starling's post. W.
Sir Alec case again for the
Beacon W. Whitworth for the
Armagnac" Dubonnet.
before luncheon. C. talked
about Tiffany's serial
completed in today's Sunday
Times. I inquired what was
Lemay's attitude for I said
at such a class but ...
acceded characteristics ...
Cottage. Cold luncheon with
Mrs Lumner out at wedding
of ... Africa cook in
summer 53-4. Cold day
and I wrapped in my rug.
Read S. Times & Observer.
Rested. Tea. C. pressing to
decide date for flying to
N.Y. W. Phyllis W. V. -
Betty about our Joseph
Made drinks. Peter to
dinner and left early.
W. Martin Brown copying J.'s
draft. Read Burden's book
on Stanley C.B.

Tel. Cenwick about piano movers

Light ...

Coming tomorrow.

make 7 + slept again
up 8:30 Monday, December 5 Tel
Steinway. Out 12:15 and
got stamps Knightsbridge
Dr to Orange Street and
took Helens poem to Spectator
Back by tube. Pru to
luncheon and I told her
all about Mme Sirlano. Pru
deplored anonymity and said
everybody would know.
W. Pauline writing that it
seemed impossible to come to see
her but W. Miss + Niles asking
if anyone could take me there
and back. Rested. Tea. C.
pressed me to fix a date for
flying to N.Y. & urged 27th
always wishing for a date
before Xmas. I looked up loving
enemies in Bible. only in plural
Luke = three references, Luke 6
27-35 straight. W. Bruce
W. Mrs Peters to send Chaker
from papers. B. at Moreau
2 no drinks. After
dinner read Pulhams book
on Harry C.B. and W
Rex Belknap

Marked Irish Stew in Mrs Beetons Cook
book for Mrs Cummings

woke before 7 and kept
Tuesday, December 6
awake by noise of traffic so
loud that I thought window
must be open which it wasn't.
Got up with tired head 7.20.
Samples for little chair arrived
from Burnet. Yellow seems good
perhaps perfect. Spent morning
writing in Athenaeum Christmas
cards to Mary Churchill Humphrey
Marion Whitaker, Ellen Buckley
Mercedes Marguerite Horton,
Susie Huntington. C. out
shopping and a film. I
got stamps in Knightsbridge
P.O. and left Charles James
clothes at his father's house.
Went on to Burnet where I
ordered yellow velveteen
for little chair. Cashed
cheque at bank. Got lunch
Palmers. Called P.A.A.
Piccadilly and inquired about
flight to N.Y. C. at
[illegible] book "Jiggers" at London
Library. Home dates - grapefruit
C. arrived in despair over the

the [illegible] advertisements. Rested. Dinner [illegible] Read Aggie

[illegible] dinner steak pie [illegible]
[illegible] Pasties. Read papers.

Up 8.15 After breakfast

Wednesday, December 7

wr: p.c. to Curry, to Rippmann
pd: income tax. Sat with
[illegible] for C's luncheon with
Ida Chanel & Mrs Wrightson
Lunch: Overton. Called
Rippman and read him long
report I had written about
my state of health. He
said I was all right
even my heart, but good
thing to take heaping
spoonful of glucose when
tired or [illegible] upset.
Home C. had enjoyed
party and Mrs W. agreed
that and reminded C. that
she had come to our wonder-
full ballet party. (I had
consulted Rippman about C's
threats of suicide because
of her dentist plate) Rested Tea
Mme de la Valle called to see flat
up: she liked best her [illegible]
to be large: To Big Fawcett
farewell party. C. had gone on

[illegible], [illegible], Anthony de Vas, Francis Watson

[illegible]

up 7.45. Clarkson

Thursday, December 8

Room letters from Mrs Peters
Paid Plummer case of ginger
Received letters from
Mrs Peters in response to
my request for my
Clarkson Room file
Studied them and worked
up a draft letter to
Secretary to stop the
plan which Peter Camp
Charley Camp the Bishop
has started up to extend the
Clarkson Room. E. out
having her hair waved
we met 1 o'C. at Gladys
Robertsons for lunch
with Esther, Calis Agnew,
Ruth Lee T'Arm Surfat
with her arm in a sling
from very painful nerve
affection. Showed Antoinette
pictures of Ellen Huntington
Gates and Callie Huntington
E. & home and rested.
Tea 6.30 Read paper
After dinner W. draft

letter about Clarkson Room

up 7.15 — [illegible]

Friday, December 9

Enemy poem returned by Spectator. No space. Discussed term flat and repeated telephone calls from Hampton Court of which she disapproved. Finally agreed Whit- flat at 4½ guineas a week. E. out to dentist. Tel. Newland & [illegible] [illegible] & got address of [illegible] [illegible]. Out finally [illegible] [illegible]. Got E's lily & some [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Also [illegible]. Home. [illegible] de la Valle's agreed & [illegible] [illegible] to let flat [illegible] or nothing & asked W. Naylor for [illegible] & Rosenclaire about entrance to new flats. Rested Tea 6.30 in my room Lilian coming

to see E. at 6 o'c. w. Oglethorpe. Drinks after dinner w. Purdom & Clert D— Phyllis W.

Wake 5 to sleep again at 6
wake again
Saturday, December 10
& up at
8.30. Nice letter from Cecil
Carr about Rabbi Whitworth
Tel Phyllis out to B.A.D
and engaged seats for flight
to N.Y. Dec. 29. Home drink
water. Sent Willis "Enemy"
[illegible] diet. by Spectator & T.L.S.
Rested. T-ea. Drafted
a letter to Cecil Carr
about Rabbi Whitworth
+ Athenaeum. Late in
getting dressed in black
tie. S.G. had not started
to dress and I went to
sitting room in my under
clothes and found her on
my bed in day of her
clothes. Got her on to her
feet but she got finished
dressing when Alan &
Mary Dodgson arrived
Great confusion with
drinks and all and Ivan
Tuley kept away. Party
awful but we got through
dinner somehow and at

was well

[illegible]

Woke early and finally managed to get a little more sleep.

Sunday, December 11

3rd Sunday in Advent

Breakfast - 10.15 Jaime fed by C. not feeling well, Spent morning writing and copying letter to Cecil Carr. Rainy warm day. Drinks lunch looked at papers. Rested and up and bath 5.30. Bruce & Molly arrived at 6 she very smart-looking and he cheerful and bright - and not so-fashions. Talked about Putnam's and his new book and then on his writing. Never sees Roger. Gave them theirs w. Berry to send spirit to John. Peter arrived drinks and dinner. Sent £5.5.0 to Alex Cain to

Wallace Stevens, Kennedy's [illegible] about

Life on the Ocean Wave

Woke early: Slept late.

Monday, December 12

Mme Ndjipika came in to make dark curtains 10.30 C. went out to dentist. I went out and got more curtain hooks also varnish + brush. W. rang photographer N. Hanney. out to St. J. St. & inquired for early C. B. [illegible] subscriptions but not there. Got Stilton cheese. Lunch Overtons. Got yellow roses for C. Met Lady Rayleigh blue eyes blue hat. Got Dead Sea Scrolls. Truslove. Got pad Ryman's name. C. had got back feeling ill with cold. Tel Mack of Hamptons La Vafer has signed will pay £357 on signing. Rested. C up for [illegible] but feels wretched. Arranged display [illegible] in dining room. Made [illegible]. Rita came. Paté de foie gras + Constant Nymph. Moura came

after dinner. Viewed by her flat + Douro admired piquets treasures

Champagne for dinner but C felt ill and what [illegible] up 7.30. Took paper round to Morris [illegible]

Tuesday, December 13

Sent off Xmas Cards & W. to Stanley Adams about C.B. Dawes & Box room to see what we could send to Ambersley. C. not worse. Brief sandwich lunch at home. Sent more oth. Xmas Cards. C. not worse. T. o Hampton's & signed agreement with La Valie. Weather milder and rainy. Rested deeply. up and J. Mr. + E. Standard 6.0 c.c. Drink of plain water. N.Cs letter from Cecil Carr. It [illegible]. C. has stayed in bed really getting better. After dinner read Times and long debate ~~[illegible]~~ in Parliament. At least some friends in Labour and Liberals but few if any in Conservative Party. The Alfreds. W. long letter to Cecil Carr about Hitler

tomorrow

[illegible] cattle Cooley. C. Chat- came to lunch

Wednesday, December 14

up 7.15 C's roses have come out and are lovely. Kelvinator man came & we need a new motor. Tel. Pepperan does not think C. very bad. His wife is soon coming out of hospital. Emptied tin trunk of papers and tied them up. Letters to Amberley Wilsher trunk for silver. Simple lunch at home. C. miserable influenza and lumbago. Rested Tea. C-lucky Rakeyhar called up. Worked on contents of chest in passage and tied up parcels for Amberley and [illegible] [illegible]. Carried old curtains and linings to Holman an Peter came to dinner. I had been to Mauren's. Brandy & Vermouth kipper [illegible] Canned Chicken. After dinner balanced accounts to date

Alex telephoned

Attack of sciatica

woke early and lay awake
up 7.30 Thursday, December 15 Dr.
Lipman came about 9 and
C was so miserable with
pain in her back and
irritation and gagging in
her throat that he held her
tenderly in his arms which
comforted her and then
gave her an injection which
shut her off into pleasant
semi consciousness for
most of day. He said my
aphasia had nothing to do
with heart. I went down to
boot room with Slaton
and got out things ready
for Durnall to collect
tomorrow. To Watson
and final fitting for my
new blue army suit same
good. To lunch Quaker Att.
Annex with Alix & Jimmie
Richardson. Seem well
and happy and so far as
I could see quite unaffected
She wanted to know about
the family. Home slept
3.30 to 6. Tea. Read papers

Talk B. much better. Drink. Dinner

Sent Xmas Cards &c.

Woodward woke me at 5.30

Friday, December 16

with word that Dartwalls had come for the box room things. Stanton was not on today & the office people knew nothing about it. I went down in pyjamas & dressing gown & then happy napped in the basement. Dartwall men had managed somehow & I saw them drive away. Reppman came to see C. before I had breakfast. Telephoned to Mayer who thought we ought to leave linen. Out and got stamps and left prescriptions at Bruns for C. & Woodward. Home lunch. W. Mildred Stokes & sent her stamps for her commission. Rested but did not sleep. All on edge. Got depreciated currency wrong in letter to Mildred. Out & got prescriptions. Tea. Spent rest of day & evening packing papers for Amberley. Drank before dinner

Spent evening packing for Amberley

Up 8 Breakfast 10. Wrote

Saturday, December 17

in my book

Peter telephoned and again in middle of morning from Harrods where he was buying a strap in Christmas crowds. Arranged to have a sandwich lunch and start early afternoon. Tel. Hampton LaValle do not want silver. Tel. [illegible] will come for chair valuation on Monday. C. much better. Peter arrived about 1 and we got off about 2. Fog most of way down but clear at Amberley 3.30. House + Annexe warm. Unpacked the Chauffeur says it is the [illegible] who is agitating. Clarkes away but Clint probably [illegible] anything. Peter put [illegible] two dark. He made tea at 5. Mrs Peter had been sleeping in [illegible] those back [illegible] etc. I gave her [illegible] Peter took me to Slater for 6.20 He is staying for night. Off 9.20 mighty [illegible]. Home and into night dinner.

unpacked. Has gone home for night. Bed

12.45 [illegible]

Up 8.15 Tel Mrs Crowleys to get Retta Stephens. Dull chilly day.

Sunday, December 18

4th Sunday in Advent

W. Alex queries addresses of Stephanie Blanche – Ercela for her Christmas Cards. Out few turns in garden unless pretty full. Petie tel. will bring up my diaries this P.M. Sherry & Dubonnet before luncheon. After lunch & after good rest and tea, W Blanche went Arnemz up after tea and had light dinner in sitting-room. Letter to Blanche in Alt. Christmas card told her family news including Nannie's death. Addressed all my Alt. Christmas cards Parcel of stationary arrived by post – today Sunday Evidently a Sunday parcel post for Christmas but no letters

To bed 12.45 up 7.50

C. better Monday, December 19 but
still feeling ill and suffering
from lumbago. Started [illegible]
cold day with heavy fog.
Mme Najenko came and
spent morning cutting [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] in [illegible]
room for little upholstered
chair. Dr. Chapman called
and C. and I advised him
for his wife's sake to get
his [illegible] [illegible] – in-law
to [illegible] and have a [illegible]
of [illegible] [illegible]. He said he
could not bear [illegible]
as the [illegible] of her – a
man aged 40 – I was an
angel boy and the joy of
his life. Dr. [illegible] [illegible]
I took C.'s papers + [illegible]
at Amherst by mistake. To [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
To [illegible] Hampton [illegible] day [illegible]
went [illegible]. [illegible] + [illegible] £20
at Ch. [illegible] Bank. [illegible] [illegible]
to P.A.A. + got tickets £385.
Berry for gin. Digger tobacco
for [illegible] C. 2. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. T.C. Berry [illegible]
to see [illegible] D. + Polyphoto [illegible]

[illegible] stamps + mail envelopes
[illegible]

Tuesday, December 20

up 8 o'c. G. did not sleep
till 5. Bad-
ly. Cold is nearly well and
lumbago too. Tel. Mair about
Inquistory. Tel. fr. Mrs Peloy
who will come up on Thursday
and bring Granville-Barker
box taken to Amberly by
mistake. M. Edes tea party
day. Diary to Box room
w. P. Started to make an ind
took Venetian black Dufy and
Empire Eugene cupboard
& [illegible] tray. Made ap-
pointment w. T.M. Queuing [illegible]
of Xmas cards & arranged [illegible]
in furniture & chimney piece
where my new blue-grey paint
for first time. Started to
pack silver for storage.
After lunch out @ 2 & [illegible]
to Brompton @ 2 & Eaton P.O.
to Clock shop for key for
watch clock; [illegible] at
Tax. Soap for Grant. Tried to
get [illegible] at Harrods but
too crowded. Home earlier. Made
drinks after tea. Peter, Moira,
Gladys Robertson, [illegible]
and Kari Jansen came for
little cocktail party. After
dinner packed silver

Wednesday, December 21

Michaelmas Law Sittings end

Awoke 4-6 slept till 8.
Up & did not shave because
expected Ripman before 9
& Hampton / [illegible]
Martin at 9.30. They had
not come at 9.30 after my
breakfast so I shaved.
Ripman came about 10 and
vaguely asked us. At 10.30
started for Tills and met
Martin downstairs. Told him
to start inventory main stairs
Drove to City to see Till. He
ready to help about Income
Tax but [illegible] hopeful than
Briggs. Till not much better.
He advised by Canadian dent-
ists. Home, saw Martin about
Inventory. Woodward got me ham
sandwich, ale & dates. Mme
Nolfska came & fitted yellow
velveteen cover on little soft
chair. Rested 3.45 to 5.30
E. came in from her permanent
wave & shopping at 6.
Tired but none the worse
Tea & W. March Rayden
drinks which we much
enjoy. Dinner Read Times

Thursday, December 22

Shortest Day

Woke C. up 7.15 Down to Box Bevan with Stanton & made place for chest of drawers & brought up Venetian black pages and Xmas Tree Stands. Took Venetian pages to Scotfield and brought back Christmas Tree. C. to see V. Ola. I waited for Mrs Peters who brought up Granville-Barker thing sent to Amberley by mistake. Mr Kennie gave her good luncheon and took her out to see the sights. She took by my present to gardeners. I went to Overtons to lunch where I was joined by C. We came home by 52 bus & C. saw Mrs Peters. Rested. Tea. Freda came to say good bye and then Francis Meynell came and we had drinks. Peter to dinner. Spent evening on G. B. subscription list

woke 3. Had gone to bed
at 1. Friday, December 23 did not
sleep again and felt great
state of weakness. up 7.30
C. out to see dentist. I out
at same time. Returned
[illegible] to [illegible] to London
Library. got Zip bags
P.H.A! C at [illegible]
+ Whiteley Berrys. Called
Hamptons but nothing to
[illegible] Maid [illegible]. Sandwich
Stafford St. Bar. Home
worked on Granville Barker
last report. C. came home
tired but found [illegible]
bath went to rest. I did
not sleep. up 5 and
worked on G.B. last
report before dinner. The
drinks and Peter came
to collect them & going
to Amberley after Stephen's
[illegible] party tonight & Ulick
[illegible] forward.
G.B. report after dinner and
finished it and bed 1.45

[illegible]

[illegible]

Slept late after poor
sleep
Saturday, December 24
yesterday
Breakfast 10.15. C. [illegible]
out - last Christmas shop-
ping. Dr Ripman had
come before she got up, to
check vaccinations.
Tel. Hampton - but
neither Hugh nor Marie
in. Tel. Phyllis [illegible]
about C. B. report - had
no reply. Spent morning
answering [illegible] Xmas
letters which very [illegible]
C. home 12.50 and we
had drinks of Sherry &
Dubonnet. After lunch
I fixed Xmas tree instead
all then went by bus to
Barkers which was open
and got [illegible] for C's
[illegible] present [illegible]. Tel.
W. [illegible] about
my [illegible] gift. Had
drinks. Dinner. C. told me

that Virgo's puppies were disposed of [illegible]

[illegible] met [illegible] next Fri.

PAID BILLS

Sunday, December 25

QUARTER DAY

Christmas Day

Slept well and late. up 9.45. Bright mild sunny day. Peter early and Vincent with C. & me to a service with Carols, crowded & standing room only, Holy Trinity, Brompton. I walked back & they came by car. Sherry and Dubonnet and started trimming Christmas Tree. Luncheon with Peter and plum-pudding & turkey. Finished tree after lunch and Peter went home and C. & I to rest. Up in time for 5.30 tea with Peter & Stephen 5.30 & poppy seed cakes. Mrs Lyman & Woodward joined us at Xmas Tree & Charles de Noyton came late and talked religion. The 3 young men stayed to cold supper. All very pleasant and C. glad we had our Xmas before going to N.Y.

Slept late up 8.45

Monday, December 26

Milder and rainy day. Spent day quietly. In the morning

St. Stephen's Day

Boxing Day

packed bottles in hat box to go in box room. Tied up Xmas tree ornaments packed papers etc in pieces of [illegible] to go in box room. Peter came to luncheon. Drinks afterward. Peter off afraid of Richard III would not catch up girl. I called up Ruth Smith & Nicholas Hannen about Granville-Barker. Rachel sent case with clothes for D. J. Santa Rachel / Put D. J. [illegible] Dragon & salt glass china on top shelves. Percy Piggott came to see C. & I gave her dog [illegible] last of my gin. After dinner w. Faber - [illegible] [illegible] Bank. [illegible] Square. Spectacular [illegible]. C. [illegible]'s [illegible] stopped by giddy attack up 8 o'c. Again no papers

Tuesday, December 27

Rainy day. Spent morning
packing of silver, luggage
and contents of flat
in bundles for basement
box-room and chest
in hall. At 12.30 out
and took Granville-Barker
photographs etc to Sally
Smith for sending out
to list of subscribers. She
is still suffering from
effects of pharyngitis.
Got malt powder and gin.
Home 1.30 for last of
Dubonnet and luncheon.
Took down Christmas
cards and went on with
packing. Brief but good
rest 4-5. Tea. Put
away last of silver to go
to Bank and gave woollens
in bag for Blanch to put
in chest. Dry Martini after
dinner. Packed till 1 a.m.

up 7 o'c. after good night

Wednesday, December 28

Damp warm day with
some wind. Arranged
for insurance by telephone
Took malachite clock to
Frodsham's for new key
and cleaning of - Kings
Geo IV Mottfields Square.
Home & finished packing silver
trunk. Gladys Rakerhaus +
Bertie Lee Hoam to lunch w.
C. W. Scott, Dartnals &
possible tenant. W. Eng. Lux.
w. cheque £28 15. 0, W. Foot
Suzette Sated. Pd Mrs Nudzwiega.
C. out to see "Viola." Bertie
to dinner. Serious talk
to him about his excess
Drink before dinner. After
dinner Bertie left early and I
worked away at letters till
and packing. W. Lloyds Bank
and Barnes Ibbotsons. Pl. to
Greenhouse. Out again and
again to unlock chest in hall

to rearrange top layer to take out things

Bed 1:30

Thursday, December 29

Up 6.45 - Emptied last drawers and tidied up cellar and odd last jobs before breakfast at 8.30. Toilet and packed second suit-case with my plastic basin containing evening hat. Took silver trunk to bank and cashed final cheque for £5. and transferred £500. from deposit account. Packed last things for C. in hall-chest and my second suit-case. Paid Mrs Dennes £30. and promised her another same amount when she comes back. Brief lunch; packed papers in suit case including Westminster cheque back by mistake which gave me [illegible] repack it to end, but fortunately I found it in the first place! Locked just before we left for Air Terminal at 4.45. Packed silver box in chest. Goodbye all. Tin box of tea to Major Batzer. Peter met us at Air Terminal. £37.3.2. Excess luggage. Very good passage [illegible]. Rain. Comfort-

[illegible] able [illegible] plane

Friday, December 30

Fairly good night with more room than on most private aeroplanes. Stewards and stewardesses more casual and familiar than usual. Only small cups and no tea-pot so brought me two cups of tea. I asked for orange and was brought one with a knife plate & spoon. Landed about 6:30 American time, [illegible] 13½ hours from S[illegible]. Mild weather & ice melting on air field. Met by H. & B. with car and driven to Westbury. C. rested and I shaved and had bath and unpacked. Luncheon with [illegible] all well. Kate gave me knitted wool helmet. B. has decorated down-stairs W.C. surprisingly well, but finds living in garden very [illegible] [illegible] experience and atmosphere of happy family. Home & C. [illegible] shopping in snow. Bath rested; C. [illegible] children. Then C. A. & B. to cocktail here. Dinner in dining room. Read old London Times. What I

[illegible] must Madge.

[illegible]. Bed early. When I was sleeping

Rain night. Weather still

Saturday, December 31

fair mild
with dry sunny air. C. went
out to hairdresser about 10.10
I wrote up diaries & talking to
Katie German housemaid. Hilda
asked us all to luncheon tomorrow
including Catharine who arrives
this afternoon. Out and tried to
change glass jig but all had dog
tails. Got lemon squeezer and
oranges and pad of paper & bottle
of blue black ink. To Alfreda
at 1.30. C. there and good
luncheon of oxtail stew. after
which A. took us with Katie to B's
where C. looked for dressing gown
and I looked for china bowl or
box with lid. Found nothing
Home to rest. To A's where we
found enthusiastic greeting from
Catharine with her hair in [illegible]
disorder. A. gave us tea and
they lit Xmas magnificent tree. Then
Skinner Porter

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came in dinner-jacket. Patrick &
Sue Gardiner already there. Cinzano
champagne & [illegible] - the four [illegible] d

[illegible] and finally a kind of clapper on
person which I [illegible] to many at about

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6. Jan. W. Brace
" Sir G. Kelly
" Dunsany
" Leigh Ashton
11 " Marguerite Horton
12 " Sir G. Kelly
" Sir C. Carr
13 " Marguerite H.
J. L. H.
14 Aidan Reynolds
17 Miss Wilkinson
W. E. Dwyer
Kilmarton
Lanyon Orgill
19 Prescott Huntington

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19 Lord Jowitt
Sir Gerald Kelly
Lord Dunsany
Bishop of Chichester
Paul Oppé
Julian Huxley
20 Mark Howe
22 Alan Barlow
Jacob Epstein
24 Marguerite
25 Priestly
Feb 7 Marguerite
15 D. McFall
19 Mabel Hopkins
22 Edward Fairholme

Memoranda

22 Feb. W. Mabel Hopkins
W Alfreda
23 W. J. L. H.
Maude Royden
26 J. L. H.
Mrs Irvine Bately
27 Barrett
28 P. A. Langon Orgill
Mar. 4 Pauline Willis
6 Mrs Fisher S. P. G.
Ellen Tuttell
Kilvinalot
7 David Huntingdon.
11 Blanche von Arnim
12 Sunday Times
(Lipes Sargent)

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15 Maude Royden
16 Marguerite Horton
18 Alfreda
Epstein.
April 3 Marguerite Horton
4 Mabel Muirhead
8 Barrett
11 Alfred Bird
17 Marguerite Horton
18 Marguerite Horton
20 p.c. of Amberley to Ethel Putnam
p.c. Tim Purdy
22 Miss Wilkinson
Marguerite Horton
25 Alfreda
[illegible]
26. Maude Royden

Memoranda

Apr. 30 Marshall Dodge
May 4 Barrett
10 Gerry Wellington
13 T. allen [illegible]
14 Mr W. F. McElree
15 Pauline Willis
22 Prescott Butler
24 Alfreda
27 Mildred Cosford
W. F. Miller
28 Alfreda
Prescott
29 T. L. S.
June 5 Alfreda
6 Two letters to Prescott
17 Phyllis Whitworth
18 P. C. Horatia
Pauline Willis
22 Clough Williams Ellis
23 Prescott
Paul
Alfreda

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24 Air Terminal
25 Lady Cromer
New Statesman
Steinway
W. Sussex Coy
26 Maude Royden
28 M. Miller
July 5 John Granville
7 Rev Edward Stewart
Clough Williams Ellis
12 Robin Darwin
20 Bruce
22 Roger
27 Cassandra re Col. Wintle
Aug 2 Walter Minton
4 Lennox Robinson
14 M. Coutie
19 Gerry Wellington
22 John Huntington
Mrs P. T. Russell
24 Bertha Putnam

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Aug
29 Corinna Lindon Smith
30 Maude Royden
31 Catharine
Sept. 2 Marguerite Horton
9 Prescott Huntington
22 Barrett
23 W. Alfredy
28 W. Russell
Oct. 3 Mc Cowie
19 Clough Williams Ellis,
Mildred Stokes
18 Elizabeth Dyer
Nov 16 Mildred Hooker
17 Bertha Putnam
18 Catharine
David
24 Betsy Dyer
25 Mitchells Liberty Chape
Dec 2 Antoinette
Dana Wilson

CASH ACCOUNT

(R.C. Allen Chemist Ken 2069)
Brompton Road

Dec 3 Phillips Bradley
W. A. Jarvis
4 Martin Browne
Gerry Wellington
Phyllis Whitworth
5 Bruce
9 Oglethorpe
Purdom
Rosenauer
11 Cecil Carr
Alix [illegible] Stone Carl
M [illegible]
Lanyon Orpen
12 N. Jeanneret photograph

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